





















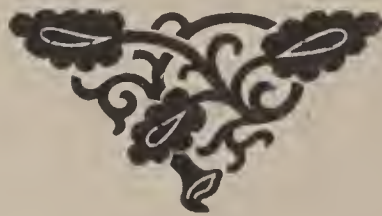
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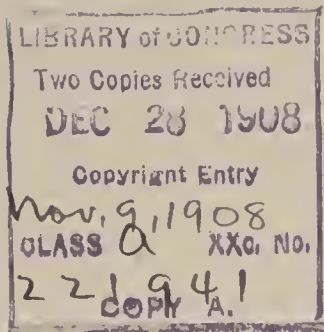
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# Dedication



TO the memory of the dearest and best friend of his youth and the consolation of his maturer years; to the dear one whose only thought while living seems to have been how to promote his welfare; to the one who struggled without complaint and sacrificed in every possible way that the blessings of education might be his to enjoy; to one who was nearly a stranger to sleep and fatigue in her anxiety to make secure the happiness of her son; to the memory of that dear mother now asleep in death—that mother whose love was beyond the understanding of others and now continues a benediction to his life; to the memory of her who in life was Mrs. Laura Hamilton, this book is affectionately dedicated.

—THE AUTHOR

# PREFACE

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HE author is a native of Memphis, and thus may be pardoned for manifesting any unusual interest in the city's welfare. He believes that the city of Memphis has a great future and that its colored population will share in whatever degree of prosperity may fall to its lot. The colored population of Memphis is probably the fourth largest in the United States, and is in position to do great things toward promoting the city's growth and prosperity.

As a rule, the bright side of the Colored Race is not given its due share of publicity to the world. Its mistakes, misfortunes, weaknesses, and crimes are minutely published, while its abilities and worthy achievements are too often overlooked and unmentioned. It is justice to any people to set their virtues over against their vices that the world may see both sides of their character. The colored race needs inspiration just as other races and there is nothing more inspiring to a people than their good achievements and worthy lives. It is left to the colored people themselves to show to the world what they are doing and what they are capable of doing to promote the welfare of society. It is left to them to publish the deeds that do them honor.

This book is published in honor of the thousands of honest, industrious and law-abiding colored citizens of Memphis, who aspire to everything that is worthy in citizenship and who are doing their part in the onward march of civilization. It gives to the world an exposition of what the colored people of Memphis are doing along the line of skilled labor, business and professional life. It does not contain the names of all that are worthy of mention in this volume, for there is such a plentitude of eligible material that the mention of all would increase the size and cost of this book to proportions beyond the reach of the masses of the people for whom it is designed to benefit.

The author has endeavored to give to the world the bright side of Memphis, and he hopes that this volume will be an inspiration to the colored people of Memphis to try to make their lives brighter and brighter, until the perfect day.

**The Author.**



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# THE BRIGHT SIDE *of* MEMPHIS

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## PART I.

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### Origin of the Name of Memphis.

Away back in ancient times, in the very dawn of civilization, and nearly five thousand years ago, there was a great city on the banks of the Nile, in Africa, called Memphis. It was one of the greatest cities in the history of the world. It was a walled city with a hundred great gates and a vast population. It was located in an alluvial plain, whose fertility made it the granary of the ancient world. It was the metropolis and capital of the old Egyptian Empire, and eminently worthy of the wealth and glory of a great world empire. Its mighty armies invaded and conquered every land and a hundred great nations paid tribute and homage to its military genius and power. Though many centuries have elapsed since the glory of this proud city departed and its towering walls fell to the earth, never to be raised again, yet there still remain as mute testimonials to its former greatness the mighty obelisks, gigantic statues, and lofty pyramids built by its kings to perpetuate their memory.

To the colored people of Memphis it may be some degree of satisfaction to know that the name of Memphis is of African origin. No doubt the earliest settlers that pitched their tents in the virgin forests on the high bluffs in West Tennessee, overlooking the Father of Waters, saw in this mighty inland stream a resemblance to the Nile in Africa and decided to found on its banks a city that would revive the glory of that ancient metropolis on the Nile. So they laid out on the banks of the Mississippi river a city and called it Memphis and this very city, provided no mishap befalls it, seems destined to rival in commercial importance and glory the hundred-gated city on the Nile after which it was named.



### **Historic Location of Memphis.**

The city of Memphis is located near a spot that is very famous in history. In the year 1541, near the present site of Memphis, Hernando DeSoto, a bold and adventurous Spanish explorer, while leading an army of his countrymen through the dense forests of the great American valley, first beheld with awe-stricken eyes a majestic and mighty inland stream coursing its winding way to the Southern Sea. This great stream he called the Mississippi River. To emphasize how singularly the life of DeSoto is connected with the name of the great river that he discovered it is only necessary to relate that DeSoto died in a few months after the discovery of the Mississippi river, and was buried beneath the waters of the river whose discovery has given him undying fame. Two streets in Memphis were named after the famous explorer, viz., Hernando and DeSoto streets.

### **The Mild Climate of Memphis.**

Many favorable conditions make the climate of Memphis mild. It is situated about 35 degrees north of the equator and this location prevents any great extremes of climate. It is not so far toward the South as to be affected by any great amount of tropical heat, nor so far toward the North as to feel the blighting effects of cold. Its elevation above the sea-level is a little less than three hundred feet. The city of Memphis was never known seriously to suffer from the effects of any violent cyclone or storm. Localities far and near suffer the ravages of violent storms, but Memphis seems to enjoy immunity from all violent and destructive commotions of the atmosphere. The fact is, there are regular storm paths in which storms may be expected at any time. It seems that Memphis is located just outside the path of storms, and consequently never receives their full force and violence.

### **The Health of the Colored People of Memphis.**

Nothing can be of greater importance to the welfare of a community than the conditions governing the health of its citizens. The question first asked about a community by the man contemplating moving into it is concerning its healthfulness; and it has always been a significant inquiry in the case of Memphis, which was so long conspicuous for the prevalence of epidemics of a contagious and infectious character. Up to the last two decades the name of Memphis was a synonym for disease, and the very idea of locating in Memphis

was considered with horror. Even today this feeling has not entirely disappeared from the minds of those unacquainted with the real health conditions of Memphis.

Statistics show that the per cent of mortality among the colored people of the South is much higher than among the white people of this same section. The death rate among the white people of Memphis is less than 10 per cent of the white population; but among the colored people the per cent of mortality is much higher. The vital question is: Why is there such a difference between the death rate of the two races? As the ancestors of the colored people lived in a tropical climate it would seem that the advantage of climate would be with the colored people of the South, and that the death rate among them would be less than among those whose ancestors came from a colder climate.

In a general way climate has much to do with the health of an individual; but habit and environment have even much more to do with the broad question of health. There is no marked difference in the longevity of the two races and it is probable that under similar conditions of habit and environment the length of life of both races would not materially differ. Education has a great bearing upon the habits of an individual and thus directly affects the health. A person unacquainted with the laws of health does not know when he is violating those laws and sowing the seeds of disease and death. It is thus evident that a lack of education and careful home training among the colored people is largely responsible for the great amount of sickness and the high per cent of mortality among them.

Poverty among the colored people is the cause of sickness, disease and death. It cannot be denied that the circumstances of the colored people are not favorable when considered as a whole. Many are not able to provide for themselves the ordinary comforts of life. Large families are born and reared in the narrow confines of a room and kitchen, where improper ventilation alone often works terrible injury to the health. Insufficient clothing in winter, want of wholesome food, and lack of prompt and efficient medical treatment when sick are some of the conditions that militate against the health of the colored people. In all of the larger cities a great number of colored people are forced by their poverty to live in back alleys, tenements and arks. The grasping cupidity of the land owners causes them to build houses in swamps, over bayous, and in the most unhealthy places for accommodation of those whom poverty alone forces to



accept such quarters. It would be something akin to the miraculous if people could breath in health from the noxious gases of bayous and back alleys and wax fat and strong amid such environments.

It is with profound regret that we notice the alarming prevalence of consumption and other forms of pulmonary disease among the colored people of Memphis. An examination of the mortuary record in the columns of the Sunday papers will reveal the fact that lung diseases are making serious inroads in our ranks. In fact it is now predicted by some bearing the weight of medical authority that it is merely a matter of time when the whole colored race will be destroyed by the great plague of consumption. Furthermore it is advised that the general employment of colored people as household servants be, to a great extent, restricted, as their consumptive tendency is considered a menace to the health of the white race.

There was a time in this country when the colored people, as a whole, were free from the ravages of the great white plague. In fact, they were supposed to be exempt from such a disease as consumption, and only the white people were considered eligible to make the acquaintance of this destructive malady. Why this great change? Why is it that the colored race, which formerly was exempt from consumption, is now its chief victim? This is a serious question and is of vital importance to the thinking men of both races. If consumption can be prevented by proper hygienic measures it is the duty of the state to exhaust every resource in order to enforce these measures. No man should be permitted to die because of the failure of the state to do its whole duty; for the life of every citizen in the State is what constitutes the State. If the prediction be in any danger of fulfillment that consumption will eventually destroy the whole colored race, the dictates of humanity should arouse the white race to strive with all its might to avert such a calamity. Fate seems to have decreed that the strong must bear the infirmities of the weak and for this reason, if no other, the white race must safeguard the welfare of the colored race and save it from destruction by this terrible disease.

The City of Memphis is a reasonably healthy city, as may be seen by the low death rate among the white people; and there is no reason why the colored people should have such a high death rate if proper sanitary, hygienic and right-living methods are used by them. If indiscreet living and reckless disregard of the laws of health are the great causes of sickness, disease and death among the colored people it is the duty of the State to look well to the remedy. The buildings in



which they are forced by circumstances to live must be better constructed and ventilated. The alleys of our city should not be congested with poor people living in poverty and abject squalor. The big tenement houses and arks must be built to accommodate human beings with souls and not dumb-driven cattle. Wherever people are forced to live in great masses the sanitary conditions should be perfect. No noxious gases from decayed vegetable matter or sewage should be permitted to scatter their disease-breeding germs among the people, and the drinking waters must be health-giving instead of life-destroying. If intemperance in the use of alcoholic drinks, or the use of cocaine, or vice in any form be the cause of this wholesale destruction of the colored race the strong arm of the State must be called into requisition to save the race from self-inflicted extermination.

### **The Cost of Living in Memphis.**

There is a natural connection between wages and the cost of living in any place. It is a general rule that wherever wages are good the cost of living is proportionately greater. In Memphis both skilled and unskilled labor receives a scale of wages in some respects higher than in any other city in the South. This scale of wages has increased the cost of living to proportions that are serious. Everything in Memphis is high. House rent is high, provisions and clothing are high, water is high in the spring time and even pure air for breathing purposes is up high.

In some respects Memphis is a paradise for the man in search of work and good wages; but we would not do the situation justice if we did not emphasize the fact that every workingman will have to pay dearly for his opportunities. The item of expense must be reckoned with on every hand. Nothing is free in Memphis but salvation for the soul, and there would be a price put on salvation if the irrepressible middle man could get in his works with the Almighty. Thousands of colored people from the country districts yearly come to Memphis in search of better wages and more prosperous conditions. They find the better wages, of course, but they also find the great item of expense which swallows down its cavernous throat nearly every nickel that they can earn and in the end their condition is not materially better than it was in their rural homes. That is the reason why there are so many poor colored people in Memphis living from hand to mouth, and existing on public charity.

### **The Water Supply of Memphis.**

Nothing affects the health of a community for better or worse more than the character of its drinking water. Twenty-five years ago the people of Memphis drank either the water of surface wells or the muddy waters of Wolf river. Anyone that knows the harmful effects of bad water would readily see how the health of the citizens of Memphis was imperiled by such bad water as they were compelled to use. Finally the health of the city became so precarious that it became absolutely necessary to improve its water supply and sanitary conditions. Scourge after scourge of pestilential diseases had stricken the city, destroyed its population and brought desolation and woe to thousands of its citizens. Driven to this extremity the people had either to improve their sanitary conditions or die. Necessity is the mother of both invention and resolution. So our engineers and scientific men decided to penetrate and explore the earth's surface underneath the city of Memphis and note the character and abundance of its water. Finally this was done, and the result was satisfactory to the extreme; for a great subterranean reservoir of bright, sparkling, pure water was found, affording an inexhaustible supply for the city of Memphis and giving it the greatest artesian water system in the world.

### **The Sanitary System of Memphis.**

Memphis enjoys the distinction of being one of the model cities of the world in point of sanitation, and civil engineers and scientists from all over the world have come to Memphis to investigate and study the workings of its sanitary system. The ideal system of sanitation peculiar to Memphis was a problem worked out by dire necessity. In order to rescue Memphis forever from the ravages of yellow fever and other scourges in the form of disease, it was necessary to put into operation a complete sewage. This was begun in the early eighties in the administration of Dr. D. C. Porter and under the supervision of one of the most famous engineers of the world—Col. Waring. Millions of dollars have been spent in extending this system in order to meet the demands of a growing population. In addition the city of Memphis has an up-to-date crematory system for the disposal of all trash and garbage. We have already written at length concerning our water supply. These three great systems combined give the city of Memphis an ideal sanitary system and the people of Memphis can enjoy immunity from the prevalence of dangerous epidemic diseases.



### **Real Estate Owned By Colored People.**

It is very gratifying to note the increased interest manifested by the colored people in the ownership of real estate. There is no material progress without ownership of the soil and a man is not considered a substantial citizen in the strictest application of the term unless he owns a part of the soil. It is regrettable that no figures are obtainable showing what per cent of the colored population of Memphis own their homes. The taxable property lists do not show the race of the owner, and it is impossible to do anything else but speculate on the matter. It is a fact, however, that the colored people of Klondike, in Northeast Memphis, own at least 95 per cent of the land, and that in New Chicago, the colored people own a considerable part of the land. Among all classes the idea of owning a home is becoming a matter of paramount importance. In some parts of Memphis whole subdivisions are being abandoned by the white people and bought up by the ambitious and thrifty classes of colored people who are anxious to improve the property they purchase and maintain the respectability and tone of the neighborhood.

Every encouragement is given to the colored people to induce them to own their homes; for it is to the interest of any community that its citizens be men of personal responsibility, instead of marauding Gypsies. Small payments like rent, covering long periods of time, are within the reach of nearly every colored man desiring a home. At the rate at which property increases in value from year to year, any piece of property bought at a reasonable value may be expected to be worth more than the purchase price in a few years. Many an old, despised lot has, in the course of a few years, become a veritable gold mine, and the happy owner congratulated himself because fate had done for him what he could not do for himself.

### **Crime Among the Colored People.**

It is not a pleasant task to write at length on the dark and discouraging phases of human life; yet this must be done if we would truly depict life. Life has its dark as well as its bright side. It is a combination of light and darkness, sunshine and cloud, joy and misery and that man is the true philosopher that best understands life in all its phases, and adjusts the sails of his human craft to adverse as well as favorable winds, so that they may bear him safe to his journey's end.

We regret to say that there is crime among the colored people of Memphis and we believe that there is too much crime in Memphis. The most heinous and diabolical crimes are usually committed on Sundays and this fact alone seems to demonstrate the truth of the old adage that an idle brain is the devil's workshop. Why the holy Sabbath should be turned into lawlessness and crime is beyond the bounds of our knowledge. The Sabbath day, instead of being made holy, is picked out as a day for revelry and riotousness. The sanctuaries of God are deserted for the pleasure gardens, the base ball park, and the gay and fleeting pleasures of social life. We do not know whither we are drifting, but we fear the visitation of divine wrath unless we mend our evil ways and turn our unholy feet back into the paths trod by our sainted mothers and fathers.

The major portion of the crimes committed in Memphis is by the young people of the colored race. The magistrate courts are kept working over time grinding out fines and inflicting penalties on our people, and a host of pettifoggers are stirring up strife and fattening on the litigation and criminal acts of our people. These human harpies are a great hindrance and curse to the progress of the colored race.

The colored race is not instinctively criminal. Only a small per cent of them violate the laws of the land. The unfortunate weakness of many of them is the tendency toward a violent and ungovernable temper which often manifests itself on the slightest provocation. This weakness is especially noticeable in the young people of school age, and no doubt explains the reason why countless quarrels and fights arise among them. It is apparent to all that if this disposition in the child is not restrained or rooted out altogether there is possibility of serious crime in later life. Many of such crimes as assault and battery and even manslaughter are due to this violence of temper rather than to any criminal inclination on the part of the colored people.

It is doubtful just why the colored people as a whole have such a violent temper. It is probably a matter of climate; for people in tropical latitudes are more warlike than people in other climates. In the Central and South American tropical countries a miniature war and rebellion may be pulled off any morning before breakfast and in the afternoon the languid natives will be taking their siestas as though nothing had happened. We have given this matter very careful thought and we have come to the conclusion that the kind of meat most generally eaten by the colored people has a great deal to



do with their health and their tempers. It is a fact that can be substantiated by most dealers in meats that the colored people generally eat pork meat. The pork chop is eaten plentifully to the exclusion of beef and mutton, which are considered more nutritious as foods. The physiological effects of pork meat on the human system are dangerous in the extreme, and it is not at all surprising that the man whose system is charged with the elements from pork meat should feel like fighting even his best friend. So it is our belief that much of the crime committed by the colored may be attributed to pork meat.

Another conditon has tended to increase crime in Memphis. For years the city was popularly known as a wide open town and nearly every form of dissipation and vice flourished. It was the Mecca for every bad man from Timbuctoo to Kalamazoo and shared with Chicago and New York the reputation of being one of the toughest cities in America. But Memphis is no more a wide open town. Civic righteousness instead of wickedness prevails. The Sunday slaughter of human life has ceased and the liquor and gambling evils that once cursed our city have been put under wholesome restrictions or suppressed and Memphis is no more in the lime light in the centre of an unholy stage.

### **The Relationship Between the Races.**

It is the pastime of many sensationalists to write about the strained relations between the two races in the South. They seem to like to dwell upon the irrepressible conflict that is bound to occur between the two races and the utter annihilation of the one race by the other. It may be that our prophetic vision is short, but we freely confess that we do not share in this apprehension concerning the inevitable conflict that is going to come between the two races in the South. They have lived together nearly three centuries and neither race has tried to destroy the other.

The relationship between the two races in Memphis is as friendly and cordial as can be reasonably expected. Occasionally there may be rash and intemperate men of both races who, if not restrained by the conservative element, would possibly try to jeopardize this friendly relationship and cause unnecessary friction and strife; but the great majority of both races are sincerely desirous of peace. There is no valid reason why both races should not get along in perfect concord. Both are well acquainted with the other and have lived side by side in this Southland for nearly three centuries toiling, re-

joicing and sorrowing in a common cause to promote its growth and prosperity. Here the present members of both races were born and here lie the bleached bones and sacred ashes of their ancestors. Both love the green hills and sunny skies of this Southland, and as long as liberty and justice are enthroned in the hearts of the good men of both races there will not be any serious menace to the cordial relationship between the two races. It is our opinion that the natural tendency of all reasonable men is in the direction of peace and harmony; that this tendency is characteristic of all men of both races alike; and that whenever discord or strife has arisen this natural tendency has been driven from its regular channel by forces that are hostile to the real interests of both races.

In thousands of instances there are evidences of the strongest attachment and friendship between the two races. The noble impulses of humanity are not always restrained by the color of one's skin. The colored man that is industrious, honest, faithful and reliable will oftener find in his white neighbor or employer a staunch friend rather than an enemy; and the white man that shows appreciation for the real worth of the colored man and interest in his welfare will find in the colored man a grateful, appreciative, and lasting friend.

It would astonish some people who can never dream of anything but friction and hatred between the two races to know how strong the bond of friendship between them really is. It is all moonshine and demagoguery to picture the two races as being engaged in never-ending conflict. There is hardly a worthy colored man in Memphis that has not some white friend that would go his last length to protect and safeguard the welfare of the colored man; and there are very few white men in the South that do not command the friendship and loyalty of some colored man. Friendship makes the whole world akin and in the time of trouble and misfortune causes people to forget such trivial things as color and prejudice and to regard man as man's brother.

### **Opportunities of the Colored People for Employment.**

The opportunities of the colored people for making a living in Memphis are infinite. It is a wonderful city, teeming with opportunities and no honest and industrious man need suffer for lack of something to do. All that is necessary for any willing worker to do is to roll up his sleeves and go to work and enjoy the fruits of his honest sweat.



For several months it was the privilege of the author to visit factories and plants of every character and note with his own eyes just what the opportunities of the colored people really are along the line of employment; and the results of his observations were as astonishing as they were gratifying. His investigations were particularly directed along the line of skilled labor, as he had had for several years a yearning for such information. He visited the candy factories and found some of their most efficient and reliable workmen colored men. In one of the factories the foreman is a colored man of intelligence and culture, Mr. Charles Taylor, and practically the whole working force are colored men. Very much the same may be said of the other candy factories in Memphis. Mr. James Wooten, Donald Hayden, Chas. Taylor and many other have been creditably identified for years with the candy making business and enjoy the confidence of their employers. Possibly the oldest candy maker in Memphis and the pioneer in that business is Mr. Charles Morton, who has made candy for nearly 45 years.

The author visited the broom factories and found some of their most expert operatives to be colored men. He found similar conditions in the mattress factories. It is hardly probable that two more efficient mattress makers than Maurice Larry and Garnett Hopkins can be found in the whole country; and there are others quite as skillful in the same line of work. The author visited several blacksmith and horse-shoeing shops and found no one white except the proprietor. In the great lumber yards he found many colored men holding the most responsible positions and that not a foot of lumber is carried out of these yards without their inspection. He visited the slaughter houses and found the veteran butchers to be colored. At one of the largest slaughter houses he found a colored man the foreman, Mr. Fred Smith, a very kind and courteous gentleman. He found that many of the engineers running the various plants are colored men of experience and ability. In many of the best white tailoring establishments may be found first-class colored tailors doing everything that is to be done in that business. Without further elaboration it may be repeated that the results of the author's observations were as astonishing as they were gratifying.

It is quite probable that no part of the great northern section of this country gives to the colored man such great opportunities along the lines of skilled labor. It is a common occurrence for colored contractors to erect buildings for white people, notwithstanding fierce competition from white contractors of ability who feel that



racial considerations alone entitle them to the work. In the laying of brick and the erection of buildings in general skilled workmen of both races work side by side and no serious objection is made; but in most parts of the north such a spectacle as the two races working together would possibly excite riot and blood shed.

It is very doubtful if there is a city in the world that presents greater opportunities to the colored people for gainful and honorable employment than the city of Memphis in the western part of Tennessee.

### **Educational Advantages for the Colored People.**

The opportunity to make a living takes precedence over every other opportunity. It matters not in what part of the wide world a man may be he must have bread. He may girdle the globe and see the seven wonders of the world but they alone will not keep him alive. He must eat to live and therefore must have an opportunity to work. Next in importance to the opportunity to make a living is the opportunity to educate one's children. No people should lightly value the opportunities which the State provides for the education of their children. Intelligence is one of the great demands of enlightened citizenship and it is the bounden duty of every citizen to see to it that the education of his children may not be neglected in order that they may be an honor and not a curse to the State.

The colored people of Memphis have no great ground for complaint because of inadequate educational advantages for their children. The city of Memphis has made wonderful progress along all lines, but its advancement along educational lines has been most marked. It has a complete system of free schools that compares favorably with any other system of similar character in the whole country. Of this system of public schools the colored people have eight large ward schools and one high school under the supervision of experienced and capable principals and teachers; and these schools have, up to this time, afforded ample accommodation for all that have applied for admission. The curriculum gives to every child, without money and without price, the advantages of a practical education to prepare it for the duties and responsibilities of life. The demands of the age make it imperative to educate every child in the land and that man is woefully in error who thinks that a single child can get along without the strength and power resulting from education.

There is no reason why there should be a single illiterate child in Memphis unless unfortunate circumstances have played their part in the life of the child. Ample provisions have been made by those in authority for the accommodation of all children entitled to admission to the public schools.

It may be best to state in this book that only thirty per cent of the colored children of school age are attending school. We do not know the conditions that keep seventy per cent of the children at home. It is a matter of such serious importance that we think it best to publish this fact so that, if it be possible, to apply the remedy, it may be heroically applied at the earliest possible moment.

In Memphis are located some of the best private schools in the whole country. First among them in point of organization and continuous service is LeMoyne Normal Institute, founded by the American Missionary Association in 1871, and largely endowed by Dr. F. Julius LeMoyne, of Washington, Pa., after whom the school is named. In the scholastic year of 1907-08 this school had an enrollment of over 700 students, many of whom were from adjacent states, and this enrollment would have been even greater if the capacity of the school building had permitted it.

The school is essentially Christian instead of denominational. Its founders had in view the moral and spiritual uplift of the race without which no race can truly advance. The work of this institution has been of incalculable good, not only in Memphis, but wherever its graduates have cast their lot. The highest ideals of life and irreproachable moral examples have always been set before the students of this school, and it is not strange that its graduates have ever striven to hold the banner of their Alma Mater high and not bring any reproach on its fair name.

The principal of this school for nearly two generations has been Prof. Andrew J. Steele, who has devoted practically his whole life to the education of the colored people of the South. When he was a very young man he came South and began his life's work among the colored people and he is now probably the oldest principal in the American Association in length of continuous service among the colored people. In all of these years of service he has not varied the thickness of a hair from his conception of the faithful performance of his duties; and if benign Providence should indefinitely prolong his labors among the colored people of Memphis his fidelity to the trust reposed in him would be strengthened instead of lessened.



Prof. Steele has lived and worked so long among the colored people that he seems to be indispensable to their welfare. He enjoys the confidence, esteem and love of the colored people to an incalculable degree and their gratitude and appreciation will be as lasting as the rock-ribbed mountains and as eternal as time. He is patient, considerate, kind, sympathetic and generous. His judgment of character is unerring and he cannot be easily deceived or imposed upon. He is endowed with the usual intellect of the Yankee and is one of the best teachers that ever graced a school room. The years in his life are advancing, but his mind seems as bright and his perceptions as acute as they have ever been. Intellectually he will never become a back number. It may wear out, but will never rust out.

N. B.—Since writing the above comment on Prof. Steele we have with deepest sorrow learned of his resignation.

The next school in length of service is Howe Institute. Though this worthy school is under the auspices of the Baptist denomination yet it welcomes all students to its protecting care and guidance. It puts special stress upon the necessity of leading a religious life and daily Bible reading and religious training form a part of the school curriculum. Howe Institute has done great good for Memphis and the whole country adjacent thereto. It has sent forth into the great, busy world a host of earnest, worthy, consecrated young men and women inspired by the lofty principles of life instilled in their youthful minds. They have settled down in their respective communities to lead worthy and honorable lives, assist in the uplift of their people and do anything honorable that their hands find to do. They have no false notions of life. They have been taught to believe in the dignity of labor and not to despise honest toil.

The beloved and worthy principal of Howe Institute for the past six years has been Dr. Thomas O. Fuller, a man of experience, ripe scholarship and great ability, and under his leadership the school has gone forward by leaps and bounds. He is a man of rare executive ability, and has the peculiar faculty of getting order out of chaos. Under him the school's enrollment has exceeded five hundred students and the school that once was an indifferent, struggling institution, has become one of the most commanding and representative in the State.

Dr. Fuller is an orator of great ability and is in great demand upon all demonstrative occasions. He is a very useful citizen and



has done much to promote the cause of peace and friendship between the races in the South. In the very prime of life, stalwart in body and in brain, with all his powers in full and vigorous activity, there is no reason why his future achievements shall suffer in comparison with his accomplishments in the past. The Baptist denomination, the community at large, and the whole colored race are to be congratulated because of the ability and services of Dr. Thomas O. Fuller.

The Hooks School of Music is the only Conservatory of Music for the colored people in Memphis. It has graduated and sent forth from its halls into fields of useful activity scores of well-trained and skillful musicians, many of whom have gained distinction as performers and teachers.

Mrs. Julia A. Hooks is the founder and head of the Hooks Conservatory of Music. Her whole life has been spent in an atmosphere of music and whatever spirit the community may have along the line of musical appreciation has very probably emanated from her efforts. She is one of the most useful, serviceable and public-spirited women in Memphis. She is a gifted woman of versatile ability and a ceaseless worker in every worthy cause. She has always been foremost in ameliorating the condition of her people and has dared to take the initiative in worthy causes even when others would falter. She is the guardian angel and comforter of the weak and the distressed. She scatters sunshine behind prison walls and holds up the gospel of hope to the wretched and forsaken. She is a public benefactress to this community and her place cannot easily be filled.

### **Business Opportunities for the Colored People.**

In many respects the city of Memphis has a distinct advantage over most of the other cities of the South, but in few other respects is the advantage for colored people more pronounced than in business opportunities. Having the largest colored population in the far South, it is very natural that the business outlook for energetic, capable and shrewd business men should be of the most favorable character. There is hardly a restriction as to the business in which a colored man may engage if it be of a legitimate character and in all the large cities of the South may be found business men of color catering to the wants of their people and enjoying a reasonable amount of their patronage.

In the past few years the colored people have awakened to the fact that it is commendable in them to patronize the business enterprises of their own people and there is at present a general inclina-

tion to do so. The exhortations of the preachers and other leaders of the race that they should get together and throw their strength in support of every worthy enterprise of the colored people are bearing fruit; and wherever a colored man has the shrewdness and business tact to try to compete with all other races both in quality of goods and lowness of prices he is sure to command his share of the patronage of his people. The mistake heretofore made by colored merchants was that they expected patronage from their people because the merchants were colored. They have long since realized that the color of the business man's skin is not the main point of attraction, but rather it is the quality and price of his wares. If their prices and goods are right they will be prepared to contest for supremacy with all competitors.

In the city of Memphis no serious effort has ever been made by the colored people to go into the dry goods business on a scale that would enable them to compete with the big concerns that are already in the field. It has always been a question of doubt whether the colored man would be able to compete successfully with the Hebrews who seem to have an instinctive knowledge and mastery of the dry goods business. Not even the American white man can successfully measure commercial arms with the Hebrews in that kind of business, as may be evidenced by the fact that there is not a single American white man in Memphis engaged in the dry goods business on a large scale. This being the case with the American white man, it is not to be wondered why the colored people of Memphis have not dared to venture into a business in which the American white man has not cared to venture.

The colored people are well represented in the grocery business and have many examples of mercantile success. There are attractive drug stores, photograph studios, tailor shops, feed stores, restaurants, barber shops, blacksmith shops, undertaking establishments, jewelry stores, dental parlors, coal and wood yards, laundries, shoe shops, shoe stores, ice cream manufactories, shoe shining parlors, news paper plants, printing offices, silk and lace cleaning establishments, harness making stores and many other kinds of business establishments in Memphis.

The greatest and most successful competitor that the colored business man must meet is the Italian. We are not able to account for the Italian's complete mastery of the patronage of the colored people; but he holds it nevertheless as if in the hollow of his hands.



The Italian lunch houses and grocery stores will be packed to suffocation with colored patrons while colored establishments of a similar character would be practically empty. We have tried to find the explanation for this condition of affairs and have received various answers. The general explanation, however, is that the Italian is much craftier as a business man. He is a good mixer with colored people and a great jollier. He knows how to turn every trick that will work to his advantage. He apparently gives more for the money than is popularly supposed to be given elsewhere. His surroundings are usually not so stylish as to frighten away the timid, and it is not necessary to don a swallow tail coat and patent leather pumps in order to go in and be served. The humblest laborer, as a rule, can go in and be served without being considered an intruder and a violator of the proprieties of the house.

We do not know the degrees of correctness of these explanations, but we do know that the Italian has the crowds and apparently takes in the money. We commend his methods to those who are not satisfied with their own business success. His suavity of speech, his gay companionship, his personal magnetism and his supposed liberality for the money he receives are not qualities that can be looked upon with indifference by any colored man.

If we be permitted to digress a little, it seems that the Italian is going to be the most successful competitor that the colored man will be forced to meet, not only along the line of business enterprises, but in the great fields of unskilled labor. Experiments with Italians in the cotton fields of the Delta regions are said to have been very satisfactory and if these reports be true and the Italians can be successfully colonized there in sufficient numbers, the death knell of the colored man's indispensable services in the cotton fields of the South will be tolled. The Italian is said to be able to wrest more substance from the soil than any other people; nature seems to smile upon their efforts and superabundance springs forth from their magical touch. They bear winter's cold or summer's heat with equal indifference and their one great ambition seems to be to make Mother Earth repay them many fold for every ounce of energy expended thereon. They are unceasing in their industry and are thrifty to an extraordinary degree. They have the happy faculty of living on a dime while the colored man must have a dollar. They are utterly indifferent to social functions while they are trying to get up in the world and they wear the hickory shirt and the handkerchief belt with the same equanimity that the colored man would



wear his full dress suit of clothes on an occasion of state. In their unattractive garb peddling on the streets the Italians may excite from the thoughtless nothing but derision and contempt; but in the course of a few years invariably they are able to give the loud laugh and the hoarse hoot to those who had formerly jeered them. We hope to be pardoned if, perchance, we seem to have too much Italian on the brain. Every man must ride his little hobby horse and indulge in his pet theories. If our thoughts be unproductive of much good they will at least not do much harm. In any case, we can say that we have thought the best according to our feeble understanding.

### **Cemeteries Owned By Colored People.**

If the colored people are not able, while living, to own a very desirable home, conditions have made it possible for them to do so after they are dead. In the matter of having a suitable and satisfactory place in which to inter their dead the colored people of Memphis are fortunate. They are the proud possessors of a cemetery in which the remains of a king would not be dishonored to lie.

In the early years after the Civil War a few far-sighted brainy men of the race, anticipating the needs of the colored people of Memphis, formed themselves into a fraternal and benevolent organization and purchased a large tract of land outside of the city limits to be used as a cemetery. This cemetery has always been called by the name of the organization to which it belongs—Zion cemetery. In our humble judgment we know of no other act on the part of the early freedmen of Memphis that reflects so much credit on their far-sightedness and shrewdness as the purchase of this large tract of land as a City of the Dead for colored people. If the thousands of colored people who have come on since those early days and enjoyed superior advantages of education had possessed one fractional part of the sagacity and foresight of these old fathers who had been slaves, the material condition of our people would be far different today.

Zion cemetery is patronized by the best classes of colored people. The whole cemetery is open to them, which is much more desirable than to be restricted to any certain section.

It is not generally known that there is another cemetery in Memphis for colored people. This cemetery is located on Winchester avenue about five miles south of Court Square and is the property of Mr. Levy McCoy, one of the oldest and most substantial citizens of

Memphis. Its use as a cemetery dates from the year of 1904, when it was first purchased by Mr. McCoy. It contains five acres of land and is well suited for the purpose of a cemetery. Within the short period of four years nearly three hundred bodies have been interred there and its use is becoming more general as its existence becomes better known. This cemetery is a monument to the business shrewdness of Mr. McCoy; for it is seldom the case that a man, however progressive he may be, will have the grit to undertake such a grave enterprise as this alone.

In some respects in the management of his cemetery Mr. McCoy is a public benefactor; for, if it were not for his kindness, sympathy and generosity, quite a number of dead bodies would be compelled to lie buried in Potter's field, unknown and unhonored. As it is, many a poor bereaved relative has, through Mr. McCoy's assistance, buried her loved one under conditions of honor instead of disgrace. All honor to the foresight and business sagacity of Mr. Levy McCoy.

### **Parks for the Colored People.**

The city of Memphis maintains, by public taxation, a magnificent system of public parks containing a thousand acres of land. They are located in various sections of the city, so that some one park may be accessible to the people of each section. It is probable that these city parks would be patronized by the colored people if they were greatly inclined and encouraged to do so. But the colored people in a private capacity have not been sleeping on their opportunities in this respect. They have their own parks, which they either own or lease for recreation or amusement purposes. In the proper season of the year these parks are well patronized by pleasure seekers, and they greatly relieve the tediousness and hum-drum of every-day life.

Probably the oldest and best known park in Memphis for the colored people is Church's Park. It has been in operation about ten years and contains a magnificent auditorium, which is used for theatrical and convention purposes. The park is located right in the heart of the city of Memphis and is one of the most attractive in the city. Lighted up at night with electricity it looks like a veritable fairy-land or garden of the gods. It is open at all times to any one and is one of the chief centers of attraction for strangers visiting the city.



Another place of recreation and amusement for the colored people is Klondyke Park, located in Northeast Memphis. Each succeeding year has increased its popularity as a pleasure resort. It is situated on high territory and is large enough for baseball games and out-door sports of a general character. The gentlemen connected with its management are conservative, representative citizens and endeavor to run a high class reputable resort that the best classes of people can patronize.

There has been built out on Florida street just outside of the corporate limits a park for colored people which seems destined to surpass all other parks in the city in attractiveness for the colored people. It has been erected by white capitalists who have endeavored to provide for the colored people a place of amusement that will compare favorably with any of the white parks of similar character. It is not to be doubted but that this new park will share with the other parks a reasonable amount of the colored people's patronage.

### Colored Institutions of Charity.

In the domain of the English language no other word has a higher or a holier significance than the word charity. The preservation of the whole human race today is due to the inexpressible charity of God. The word charity means liberality and love and without it the whole world would be nothing but vast nothingness. Charity makes us look with compassion and pity upon the weak, distressed, and helpless. It causes us for the nonce to forget self and all of its inherent selfishness and remember that man is man's brother and that God is the Father of all.

If there be any one quality that undoubtedly shows the unity of a race it is the spirit of charity that actuates one member of the race in its relationship with the other. The dominant white race today owes its prestige and its power to the undying principles of charity. No member of that race ever suffers greatly from the adversities of life as long as there is a single hand that is able to bring succor, comfort and cheer. It encourages and maintains every form of charity that the exigencies of their people demand. All along the journey of life they hold out the hand of charity to their people. They provide homes for their foundlings, houses of refuge for their unfortunate women, asylums for their orphans, reformatories and industrial schools for their incorrigibles, sanitariums and hospitals



for their sick, institutions for their destitute, and homes in which their old and infirm may pass their final years before crossing the threshold into the mysterious life that sooner or later will claim us all.

While the colored people of Memphis have been busily engaged in all the complex pursuits of life in order to maintain themselves they have not overlooked the wants of the poor, needy and destitute classes. We do not say that our people have done their whole duty in this particular respect, but they might have done a great deal worse. The spirit of true benevolence has been with many of our people and it has manifested itself in acts of charity that merit the greatest praise.

Many years ago a few earnest, determined men and women conceived the idea of building a home for the orphans and old folks of our city. The effort at no time received that healthy response and cheerful co-operation which its worthy character deserved from the colored people whose interests were thus being fostered, and the result was that the project was very slow of realization. Finally after many years of continuous effort by the invincible and faithful few, the home is now a reality; and the blessings of Providence will fall more abundantly on the heads of those who have laid the foundation and built the structure of this noble deed of charity. A commodious structure with sufficient acreage for all practical needs is the monument to the untiring efforts and zeal of the faithful few to which reference is made above. The Old Folks' and Orphans' Home is located in the southern part of the vicinity of Memphis, and a short distance outside of its corporate limits.

Another institution of similar character now in near prospect of commencement is under the auspices of Collin's Chapel, C. M. E. church. A suitable site has been purchased on which ample buildings for the Home will be erected as soon as the necessary funds will have been secured. The members of grand old Collins Chapel have never failed in any enterprise that they have ever undertaken and with such a matchless leader as Dr. I. S. Person to guide them, their ultimate success in this worthy project is a matter only of reasonable time.

### Colored Hospitals and Infirmaries.

In the matter of conveniences for those in need of skillful and expert medical and surgical treatment Memphis does not suffer much in comparison with other cities, so far as the colored people are concerned. The problem of the restoration and preservation

of health is of primary importance and the colored physicians and surgeons have studied and prepared themselves to cope with any emergency. Notwithstanding the great number of new diseases brought on, no doubt, by the manners and conditions of American life, yet so closely has medical science and knowledge pursued them that no great increase in the death rate has been noticed.

It is with no small degree of pride with which we refer to the two local institutions for the relief and restoration of colored people to a state of health. The Hairston Hospital, founded by Dr. J. C. Hairston, and the Terrell-Patterson Infirmary, founded by Dr. C. A. Terrell are institutions that have done incalculable good for the city of Memphis. Both of these gentlemen are experienced and skillful practitioners, and enjoy both the confidence of the public at large and an extensive and lucrative practice. Many successful operations have been performed and many complicated and serious diseases cured by each of them. Their clinics have been attended with great professional benefit and profit by other practitioners and their methods have achieved success and merited popular favor. The success of these institutions has traveled into other states and patients from distant places frequently come to Memphis to avail themselves of the skill of these two experienced and accomplished physicians.

### **The Colored Ministers of the Gospel.**

In all the ages of the world the ministers of the Gospel have been the real leaders of every people and they are none the less today. They are the ones through whom God has revealed all mysteries and prophecies and the ways of salvation and eternal life. Since creation they have been the chosen medium of communication between God and man, and filling this exalted mission and high calling in life, it is but natural that their life and character should be of paramount importance.

The position of the colored minister is unique. He is every worthy relation to all men. He is teacher, confidential friend and adviser, brother, father, preacher and every exalted relation in life. The religious instincts of the colored people are intense and this fact makes the calling of our ministers a matter of the gravest importance.

As a whole the colored ministers of the Gospel in Memphis are men of character and great influence among their people. They are



truly men of God, and consecrated to the sublime task of converting the world from the darkness of sin to the light of eternal truth and righteousness. From day to day they go among their people ministering to their necessities and scattering sunshine, consolation and hope. No day is so gloomy and no night so dark that their sorely tried feet will wander from duty's path. Only the ministers themselves know the misery, desolation and woe that fill the hearts of so many of our people. To their confidence are revealed secrets too sacred for the hearts of any other mortal soul and the whole lives of men are often stripped and laid bare to the minister's closest scrutiny. And be it said to the lasting credit of the ministers that seldom have they betrayed the great trust reposed in them.

It is said by some people that the ministers of the colored people are uncrowned kings. The same statement may be made concerning the ministers of all races. In all ages of the world the ministers have been objects of love and veneration. Their exalted and godly lives make them at all times objects of respect and reverence.

We are aware of the disposition of many people to criticise, abuse and slander the ministers of the gospel. Some people can see no virtue in anybody else but themselves. Moreover it makes some puny mortals seem big and important when they are seen upon the house-tops and other elevated places proclaiming the shortcomings and misdeeds of other people. The wallet that every human being is said to carry on his shoulders is so suspended that his own faults are behind him and, therefore, invisible, while his neighbors' faults are ever present before his vision. No man that habitually scores and abuses our ministers should be seriously considered. Rather he should be pitied and the mantle of Charity thrown about him because the Almighty failed to apportion out to him all the sense that was due him.

In many respects we are proud of the influence and character of our ministers. Most of them are safe and reliable men and have been tested in the crucible and found to be pure gold in their fidelity to the race. Most of them preach the gospel of good living as well as the gospel of holy dying. Most of them believe in the saving grace of education as well as the saving grace of religion. Through their untiring efforts along spiritual, intellectual and moral lines the colored race has reached this present milestone on life's journey; and it is no insignificant achievement to have led the colored race successfully thus far, hindered, as it has always been, by bickering and in-



ternal strife. Only consecrated men with God as their leader could have accomplished what our ministers have accomplished under such fearful odds and amidst such great disadvantages.

### **The Political Rights of the Colored People.**

This volume would not be complete without some reference to the political status of the colored citizens of Memphis. In this great republic of America no subject or occasion is complete without reference to the glorious privileges that we enjoy. We do not share in the apprehension that the participation of the colored people in the government will ever imperil the safety of this republic. Intelligence and wealth have always been most powerful in the affairs of this nation and there is no reason why we should expect the experience of the future to be a reversal of the past.

If the political franchise in the hands of colored people ever was a menace to the welfare of the nation it was in the days of their greatest ignorance; for we cheerfully admit that ignorance is a very dangerous foe to society and is most destructive to the best interests of government.

In the city of Memphis the colored man is not a burning political issue and political passion is not so intensely aroused against his exercising the rights conferred upon him by the constitution of the land. No political hocus pocus has been resorted to to deprive him of his political rights; nor has any emergency clause been enacted to assist any class of citizens. All must meet the simple requirements of the law. It is no more difficult for a colored man to vote in Memphis than it is for him to vote in many parts of the North. They do not all blindly adhere to any political party, though tradition among them encourages the support of the Republican candidate in all presidential elections. In municipal elections and those involving the governorship of the State the colored people are largely independent and disposed to vote for the man that they consider least hostile to their interests. The name of the party does not cast that hypnotic spell upon the colored voter that it formerly did. He has seen a new light and now votes for the man that he believes will be least likely to deny him opportunity or punish him because of his color. The colored voters have ceased to be political cattle, to be driven to the market and sold to the highest bidder at so much per head. They have become thinking men and are looking out for their material welfare in their respective communities, instead of trying to elevate some politicians to a fat political job.

Many of the leaders of the colored people think that it is an unfortunate fact that the colored voters do not differ politically among themselves as to the policies of the government. They differ on nearly all economic questions; they differ in religious beliefs and they differ as to the kind of education most needed to prepare the race for American life. It is claimed that the solidarity of the colored voters under one political banner will always force the white voters to be united under another political banner, and that this division of the races into two opposite and hostile political camps has been the cause of serious misunderstanding and friction between them.

We are not a political oracle and consequently are not competent to give advice along that line. We can not wax eloquent even on such an inviting and attractive theme as politics. Insofar as our feeble lights have been able to shine we have made no startling discovery of merit or demerit on the part of either political party. It is possible that neither party has any monopoly, either of civic virtue or vice. Prosperity has blessed and adversity has blighted both parties when they have respectively held the reins of state. The proud and historic Republican party that has wrought such wonderful things in the past of this country, has had to nurse at its breast a large and healthy financial panic and the Democratic party has had a similar experience. Under each of these two great parties the country has enjoyed periods of great prosperity, and suffered from occasional periods of adversity. As the success of neither party in the government of the nation has been uniform, we may conclude that neither party is infallible. There is one instance in which both parties always agree, viz.: They both want the offices; and neither party will actually scorn the colored man's vote if by this vote it can ride into political prestige and power.



## *The* COLORED PHYSICIANS *of* MEMPHIS

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The medical profession in Memphis is numerously represented, there being among the colored people over forty practicing physicians and surgeons. All of these physicians are graduates of the most reputable medical colleges in the various states of the Union, and all of these colleges have courses of study that conform with the requirements of the American Medical Association. Many of these physicians have pursued post-graduate courses in some of the most famous medical colleges in the land.

The majority of the colored physicians of Memphis are graduates of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., but Howard University's Medical Department is represented by one physician and the University of West Tennessee is represented by at least two practicing physicians. The fact that the graduates of the schools are able to pass with credit the State Board of Medical Examiners of Tennessee is sufficient evidence of the thorough character of the work done by these respective institutions.

Most of the colored physicians were men of superior intellectual training before they took up the study of the art of healing and this previous training enabled them the better to understand and assimilate the great truths of medical science and apply them to the work of ameliorating the condition of mankind. The medical profession demands intelligence of the highest order and no man will succeed in it as he should unless he be thus equipped. No man whose brain, figuratively speaking, has not been thoroughly plowed up can ever honestly graduate from a first-class medical school. Chemistry and anatomy will be barriers insurmountable in his pathway.

The advent of the intelligent, up-to-date colored physician has been of incalculable benefit to the race. It has given a feeling of security along the line of health which the colored people had never experienced before. With a capable colored physician it is perfectly natural that a sensible colored man would feel a greater sense of security than with the physicians of other races; for blood is thicker than water. Everything else being equal, it is perfectly natural that

the colored physician would have a greater degree of solicitude for the life of a colored patient than the physician of a different race would have.

Some of the colored physicians have fitted up their offices with instruments of the most approved character and they are thus better able to treat their patients according to the latest and most scientific methods.

The financial rewards of the medical profession are very gratifying to the successful physician, and as a class the colored physicians are among the wealthiest citizens of the community. Some of the most beautiful homes in Memphis are owned by our leading colored physicians and many of our medical men are capitalists and financially interested in important business ventures.

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#### **Dr. R. L. Adams.**

In searching the pages of history most people have been accustomed to associate the name of Adams with the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts; but in this instance the name of Adams by nativity is associated with the State of Tennessee. The pleasant and elongated doctor received his educational training in the schools of Springfield, Tenn. From the earliest period of his life he had an ambition to be somebody and this worthy ambition was stimulated by a devoted mother who still inspires her son to noble and honorable achievement. As soon as circumstances would permit he entered the medical department of Meharry Medical College to pursue the study of medicine and at the expiration of four years he completed the course and received his diploma. Unlike many others, he did not locate elsewhere, but decided to come home and practice his profession. He had confidence in himself that he could make good at home, and his splendid success in the practice of his profession in Memphis has been a thorough verification of the wisdom of his action. So well-known and thoroughly liked by all classes is he that most of his friends consider him strictly a home product. He is a successful physician, a popular man and a good citizen, and is making a reputation for high class ability in his profession.

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#### **Dr. G. W. Atkins.**

There is something particularly pleasing in the personal history of the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch, for he is one of the brightest examples among the physicians of Memphis of what real grit and perseverance can accomplish under adverse con-





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ditions. From his earliest youth he had an unconquerable ambition to obtain an education, but did not receive that encouragement and assistance that he should have received. So he determined to strike out in the world for himself and paddle his own canoe to the goal of his ambition. He worked his own way through school amidst hardships that would have discouraged a less determined mind. Many

of those days were very dark, but they have been succeeded by days of success as cheerful and as bright as they were dark. He attended Howe Institute for two years and then pursued a higher training in Roger Williams University. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College and in the practice of his profession has had great success. He has but recently located in Memphis, but seems to have been as successful in the practice of his profession in Memphis as many physicians who have been here for years instead of months. He has purchased a very large and attractive residence on Kimbrough street, in one of the most elegant and exclusive sub-divisions in Memphis for colored people. In doing thus he has identified himself with the most substantial interests of Memphis and has raised the standing of the race several degrees. He is a pleasant gentleman and a good neighbor, and is having the same professional success in Memphis that he had elsewhere.

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#### **Dr. W. C. Bailey.**

The pleasant and accomplished gentleman bearing this good old English name has been connected with this community in a professional capacity for only a short time, but even this short period of service has been sufficient to demonstrate his ability as a practicing physician and surgeon.

Dr. Bailey's native state is Alabama, and it was in the common schools of this State that was laid the foundation for a first-class education. His higher educational training was received at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., the school that has given to the South some of its brainiest and most distinguished colored citizens. It was in this great institution of learning, no doubt, that he received that stimulus and inspiration to make a mark in life.

He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and has gone into the practice of medicine carefully trained and thoroughly prepared to alleviate the sufferings of his fellowman.

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#### **Dr. Wm. P. Bryant.**

In the first part of 1908, the talented and accomplished subject of this sketch located in the city of Memphis to practice his profession. The author had the pleasure of forming a personal acquaintance with Dr. Bryant and found him to be a gentleman of rare in-



telligence and the author is quite certain of the fact that the profession of medicine has gained an able practitioner in him. The doctor never sleeps on a favorable opportunity to further his own professional welfare, and as soon as he was apprised of the fact that there was an opening in Somerville for a doctor he quit Memphis and located there, and is highly successful in his work.

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#### **Dr. A. S. J. Burchett.**

The oldest physician in length of continuous service is Dr. A. S. J. Burchett, who began the practice of medicine in Memphis probably in the year of 1884, and who has been faithfully discharging his professional duties here ever since that time. The doctor has always enjoyed unbounded popularity with all classes of people and his professional success has been as unbounded as his personal popularity. He has a very large practice and numbers his patients by the hundreds all over the city of Memphis and adjacent territory. The handsome doctor has always gone in the very height of fashion and it would shock any acquaintance of his to see the doctor equipped otherwise than in the latest style, both as to personal attire and vehicle. The doctor, though having been engaged in the practice of medicine for nearly a quarter of a century, is still a young man and is heart and fancy free. He has a large circle of devoted friends and enjoys their unlimited confidence and patronage. His office has for many years been on Main street, the most desirable and important thoroughfare in Memphis, and his office furnishings have always been in harmony with his surroundings. The doctor is the personification of grace and congeniality, and his elegant looking presence would gain him ready admittance to the charmed circles of society anywhere. He is a splendid physician and an excellent citizen.

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#### **Dr. A. D. Byas.**

The subject of this sketch is a native of the great State of Mississippi—a state famous for the production of distinguished and eminent colored men. He enjoyed the best of educational advantages, having received his academic training at Rust University, which is probably the most important institution of learning for the colored people in the State of Mississippi. After his graduation the doctor

taught school with splendid success in Shelby county for several sessions, and was one of the leading teachers in the county. Having completed his medical course in Meharry College he located for the practice of his profession in Shelby county, and has been identified with it in a professional capacity ever since. The doctor's success as a practitioner has been great and the financial rewards of his labors have been commensurate with his professional service. He has accumulated what may be considered a fortune for a young man and his prospects are now brighter than ever for success in his profession and financial gain. His practice covers a large part of Memphis and Shelby county, and he has but few hours of rest from the pressing duties of his profession. He is not only the owner of extensive acres of fertile land in Shelby county, but he is largely interested in the North Memphis Drug Company, of which he is president.

His charming wife has contributed in no small degree to his success professionally and financially, and he is to be congratulated for having made such a wise selection.

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#### **Dr. M. M. Colley.**

Dr. Colley is not ashamed to acknowledge that he hails from Mississippi, the state that produced such famous men as John R. Lynch, B. K. Bruce, and Mr. Hill—three of the brightest stars in America's political galaxy. Early in life Dr. Colley moved to the state of Arkansas and completed the course of instruction in the common schools of that State. Subsequently he attended Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., and received his higher educational training. He was a successful teacher in Arkansas for eight years, during which time he accomplished much good for the youth of his race. He abandoned the profession of teaching and began the study of medicine at Meharry Medical College, and graduated with honor from that institution. He is located in one of the most populous sections of Memphis, and already enjoys a splendid practice. He is a quiet, thoughtful, pleasant gentleman, with an air that bespeaks the physician, and he seems capable of giving a good account of himself in the profession he has chosen to follow.

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#### **Dr. E. C. Craigen.**

The subject of this sketch is a native of the great State of Arkansas, and is honorably connected with its educational history. For many years he was one of the leading teachers in the State and was



repeatedly honored by the various State Superintendents of Instruction with the appointment of conductor of State Institutes for the colored people. He is a graduate of the State Normal School of Arkansas, and of the great State School of Indiana at Valparaiso. He is a man of liberal education and is destined to achieve as much success in the practice of medicine as he did achieve in the teacher's profession. He was valedictorian of his class on the occasion of his graduation at Meharry Medical College, and he has well maintained the reputation as a practicing physician which his friends and admirers at college predicted for him. His professional success for the short time he has practiced in Memphis has been phenomenal, and he numbers among his patients some of the most representative and prominent citizens of Memphis. He is congenial, affable, jovial and kindly and has a firm hold upon the affections of his friends. He is a man of such splendid intellectual equipment and has so thoroughly mastered the principles of his profession that his success in the future is guaranteed. His coming to Memphis and locating in order to practice his profession is a contradiction of the old saying that all the wise men came from the East, for here is indeed one that came from the West.

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### **Dr. J. L. DeLoney.**

The affable, stylish, up-to-date looking young physician with the name suggestive of Sunny Italy was born in a state that can bear favorable comparison in scenic beauty and picturesqueness even with the land of the dark-skinned and musical sons of Italy; for he was born in the beautiful State of Alabama, where nature is one grand panorama of beauty and scenic splendor. Alabama is a veritable Garden of the Gods. Its towering mountains clad in leafy verdure; its laughing rivulets and singing brooklets; its cooling waters, fresh and sparkling from nature's fountain; its grottos, wherein the orb of day seldom deigns to send his rays, its vine-clad hills and bright skies all truly make this state "Alabama, here we rest."

Dr. DeLoney has no lengthy history, for he is still in point of age, one of our youngest physicians. In his youth he received the best educational advantages that the great State of Alabama could give to an ambitious colored boy. He graduated with honor from the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., an institution of learning which is fostered both by the State of Alabama and by

the general government. This school is one of the greatest training schools in the South, and has ample resources to run it. It maintains a regular collegiate department and this can be said of very few agricultural and mechanical colleges in the South. It has several magnificent buildings situated on the very summit of a mountain, and they present a spectacle that is grand as it is inspiring.

Having graduated from this famous institution of learning Dr. DeLoney matriculated in Meharry Medical College, and in due time graduated and began the practice of his profession in the Bluff City, where he has been very successful. He has a splendid practice and is recognized as one of the leaders in his profession.

The stylish, well-groomed physician has had no hardships to which he can point back with pride. He enjoyed the very best advantages that well-to-do parents could give him. In fact he was born in four-leaf clover. Any one that wears the class of haberdashery that the genial doctor wears and can do so with his characteristic ease and grace is certainly not of plebian extraction. He would seem perfectly at home if he were in the company of King Edward VII, and the doctor's suit would make the king's gladdest attire reflect a pale yellow hue. He is always quiet and polished and has many of the qualities of a modern Chesterfield.

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#### Dr. G. W. Dunn.

The tall and stately medical man bearing the name so pleasing to a voracious appetite was born in the State of Mississippi. He received a splendid education. He completed the common school course in his State and then attended Macon High School. To this training was added a higher educational training received at Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. He began his career as a school teacher and taught in four different states, covering a period of seven years. He is a brother of Dr. Dunn, formerly of this city, but now of Nashville, Tenn. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He and his distinguished brother, Dr. Dunn, of Nashville, make a first-class medical team, and they give their family the unique distinction of having two doctors of ability in it. He has struggled and sacrificed to gain the professional training he has, and no doubt he will use it to every possible advantage and credit. He is a pleasant gentleman and his ability deserves success.



**Dr. J. C. Hairston.**

The distinguished physician bearing this name is a native of that proud old State that is sometimes called the "Mother of Presidents"—that grand old state whose towering mountains inspire its sons with the love for liberty and learning—the State of Virginia. The genial doctor enjoyed the best educational advantages and is a scholar of surprising ability. He is the personification of simplicity and for this reason alone his splendid scholarship would possibly escape detection from casual acquaintances. He is a graduate of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., and is a man of classical training. He graduated in medicine at Meharry Medical College, at Nashville, and began the practice of medicine in the year of 1888. He is a practitioner of ripe experience and is generally regarded as one of the ablest physicians in the State of Tennessee. He is the founder of the Hairston Hospital of this city, an institution that has done incalculable good in restoring to health and strength the diseased and afflicted, not only of this community, but those from other states. He looks like a physician, talks like a physician and is one of the best in the land. He has a very large and lucrative practice and his presence at the bedside of a patient is sufficient assurance that the patient will receive the most intelligent treatment that long experience, great skill and careful diagnosis can command.

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**Dr. A. L. Hall.**

It is a great distinction in the life of any ordinary mortal being to achieve success in a single field of activity. Much more then is it a worthy achievement to command success in two different fields of endeavor. It is the happy lot of Dr. Hall to have accomplished what few other men have succeeded in accomplishing. He has not only achieved success and fame in the pulpit, but he has also made for himself an enduring name in the medical profession. He is a graduate of a reputable medical college of the State of Tennessee and has successfully practiced his profession in Memphis for many years. We have written at length concerning him in another section of this book.

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**Dr. L. S. Henderson.**

Dr. Henderson's perennial smile was first observed by his delighted parents in the State of Alabama, where all nature smiles with radiant beauty. He was given the advantages of a good education

to enable him to fight life's battles and, to the gratification of his multitude of friends, he has admirably succeeded in the contest. Just as has been the case with so many men that have achieved success in life the pleasant doctor began his career as a teacher and successfully followed the life of a pedagogue for several years. There can be no doubt of his success as a disciplinarian, for two hundred and twenty-five pounds of avoirdupois in the shape of muscle and brawn have a tendency to make the average pupil sit up and take notice as well as take care. It is probable that the doctor had one of the best schools in the State of Alabama and that the profession of teaching lost one of its ablest exponents when the doctor abandoned it for the study of medicine.

He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College—the leading medical school in the South for colored people—and has successfully practiced his profession in Memphis for several years. As a physician he ranks high and has done much professionally to gain the respect and confidence of his people.

The doctor wears a smile that won't come off. It is not one of those complacent self-satisfied smiles, but it is a genuine smile, springing from the depth of a good heart. In addition to his being by nature a fine man, which fact is generally known, the doctor's road has been paved, not only with success, but with wealth. There is an old idea prevailing that if a man be kicked the whole world will help to kick him and that if a man begins to climb the ladder of wealth everybody will give him a lift. We don't know how much truth there is in either of these sayings, but we do know that things have been coming by leaps and bounds in the doctor's way. In the city of Birmingham the doctor's property holdings are so vast that he is easily rated as one of the city's wealthiest real estate owners. He is pre-eminently a business man, and has never scored a failure in any capacity. He started out in life to obtain a good education and succeeded; he aspired to get a true, devoted wife, and succeeded; he had an ambition to go after the Almighty dollar, and in this he has succeeded even beyond his most sanguine expectations. He is a shining example of what unremitting industry, cool and calculating judgment, and thrift can accomplish to enable a man to rise in life.

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**Dr. N. H. C. Henderson.**

The State of Louisiana has conferred an honor upon the State of Tennessee by sending to it one of Louisiana's ablest and best



equipped sons in the person of Dr. N. H. C. Henderson. He is one of our best educated physicians, and received a classical training at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, which institution has, for years, been noted for the many young men of sterling worth and character that it has sent forth from its study halls into the busy walks of life, and Dr. Henderson is a bright example of the character of the students of that great institution. He is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of West Tennessee, and has a reputation in the practice of medicine, that is creditable alike to his own powers of understanding and the thorough training of the institution from which he received the highest professional honor. He is located in a section of the city somewhat removed from the other physicians, and has a practice that is gratifying in the extreme to him and his friends.

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#### **Dr. J. J. Hoover.**

Dr. Hoover hails from the state with a long name to the south of Memphis. He was educated in the common schools of Mississippi and in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College. He finally graduated from Zion College, Grenada, Miss., which is one of the substantial institutions of learning in the State of Mississippi. He taught school in his native state for seven years, and made quite a reputation as a successful teacher. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, and is well prepared to practice his profession. The doctor has a cheerful disposition and a pleasant countenance, and has the faculty of both making friends and keeping them. He is well located in Memphis and has a good practice.

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#### **Dr. R. M. Hunt.**

The subject of this sketch was born in the State of Mississippi. He received a part of his academic training in Memphis and graduated in 1901. He enjoys the unique distinction of being at present the only physician in this city that holds a diploma of graduation from the Medical Department of Howard University, Washington, D. C. While in Washington he was honored with the presidency of the Junior Class of his Alma Mater, and could have been elected to the presidency of the Senior Class if he had not declined the honor. He took a post-graduate course in surgery and obstetrics at the

same institution. He has licenses to practice medicine in more than one state and can change his fields of labor whenever it suits his fancy; but the Chesterfieldian doctor is doing splendidly in Memphis and has a practice of which many of the older physicians would be proud. He is a gentleman of the highest ideals, and with his fine natural ability combined with thorough medical training his prospects are bright indeed for achieving great distinction in his profession.

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### Dr. E. W. Irving.

The affable and congenial subject of this sketch is a native of the great State of Ohio, the state that has produced more great men in proportion to its area than any other two states in the Union. The Ohio man is said to be the most adventurous in this country. He is ubiquitous. He has gone into every state of the Union and identified himself with its institutions and helped to turn its wheels of progress. He is a source of perennial inspiration and usually wrests from most adverse conditions a measure of success impossible in others. We are unable to account for the unbounded success of the Ohio man; we do not know whether it is in the breed or the soil, but it is probably in both.

Doctor E. W. Irving was born in Circleville, Ohio, where he enjoyed educational advantages such as the great North only is capable of providing. He graduated with honor and at school enjoyed a popularity not even enjoyed by the wealthy and talented white students of the same school. He was a member of his Alma Mater's crack baseball team and was a veritable "Casey at the Bat." Many a time did his trusty bat play fearful havoc with the atmosphere and make the spirits of the dead mound builders thereabouts tremble and in terror seek refuge in their lofty mounds.

Coming South to seek the main chance, the doctor for several years was successfully engaged in the profession of teaching, which he finally abandoned for the more desirable and more remunerative duties of the medical profession in which he has gained success and wealth. He has a practice second to no physician in Memphis, and his patients entertain for him the most loving regard. He has a cordial smile, a kind word and a welcome grasp for everybody, and the man with the overalls on receives the same consideration as the man with the silk plug tile. The doctor's physique has increased



with his professional and financial success, and in appearance he can as easily take his seat among the bloated bond-holders of Wall Street, as among the physicians of the first rank in Memphis. He is prominently connected with the Solvent Savings Bank of Memphis, and is interested in other business enterprises. He has an elegant home on Bankers Row, or St. Paul avenue, and this home is presided over by a gracious, loving and talented wife.

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#### **Dr. J. H. Jenkins.**

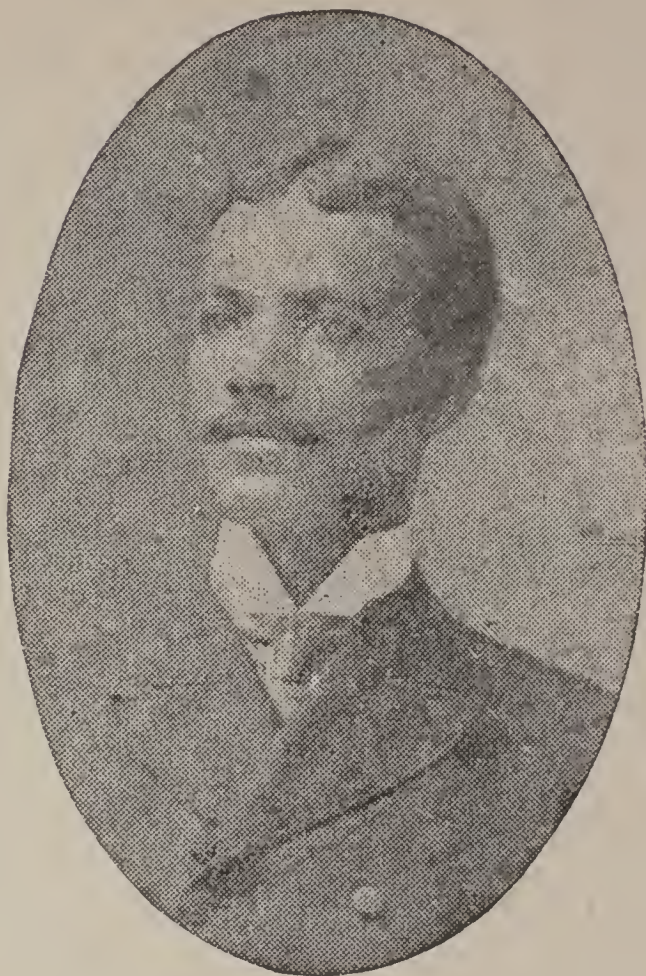
This pleasant and quiet physician may properly be called the Tall Sycamore of Montgomery County, for it was in this thriving county of West Tennessee that his infant hands were first held out to touch the big, round moon. In youth he enjoyed the best educational advantages that well-to-do parents could afford and received a liberal training. His outward appearance bears the impress of culture and refinement. The Doctor has scored a success in more than one field of activity. At one time he was a postmaster in his home county, and was the only colored man ever thus honored.

For several years he was one of the most successful teachers in his section of the State, and made a lasting reputation in that capacity. He abandoned teaching to pursue the study of medicine at Meharry Medical College, and is a graduate of that institution. He has successfully practiced his profession in Memphis for quite a while and is known far and wide as a well bred, gentlemanly man. He is a member of quite a talented family, one of his sisters being a teacher in the Memphis city schools, and the other a student in the Pharmaceutical Department of Meharry Medical College.

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#### **Dr. A. N. Kittrell.**

The jovial, handsome, Filipino looking medical doctor concerning whom this sketch is written, is a native of the great State of Georgia—the Empire State of the South—the State that has given to the country great material resources and great men. Bereaved early in life and left without the protection, encouragement, and inspiration of his dear mother, yet that inspiration which she, when living, had implanted in his youthful breast caused him to endure willingly the hardships that he suffered in order that he might gain the prize of



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his youthful ambition—a good education. By his own efforts he completed with honor the high school course in his home city, Macon, Ga., and supplemented that with higher educational training at Clark University, Atlanta. Believing in the training of the whole man, he pursued a course in the Industrial and Mechanical arts at the famous Tuskegee Institute and mastered one of the most successful and remunerative trades that a man can learn—the brick layers' trade. In his subsequent efforts to complete his professional education, his skill as a Master Mason was of incalculable benefit. Both in the South and in the North he plied his trowel, side by side with the best workmen in the country, and suffered nothing in ability in comparison with them. He graduated from the medical college in 1905, and in the same year located in Memphis, where he has been eminently successful as a medical practitioner. In the examination before the State Board of Medical Examiners in the summer of 1905 Dr. Kittrell enjoyed the unique distinction of being the only successful applicant and the same character of success has followed him in the practice of his profession. The industrial life that the genial doctor led before taking up the practice of medicine developed his muscular system to a remarkable degree and nearly all of this strength was concentrated in his duked, with which he is in a class by himself.



**Dr. Fannie M. Kneeland.**

The lady forming the subject of this sketch enjoys the honor of being the only colored lady physician in Memphis, and to an admirable degree demonstrates the possibilities and abilities of women in all the walks of life in comparison with men. The doctress was born and educated in the State of Tennessee. Having lost her parents at comparatively an early age, she was thrown wholly upon her own efforts, not only to support herself, but also to rear her younger sisters and brothers that were dependent upon her. Few young women thus burdened with responsibilities would have succeeded so well. The average young woman is confronted with quite a serious responsibility when she has only herself to support, and even then many utterly fail and are finally forced to drink the dregs of ruination and shame; but the doctress seems to have been made of sterner stuff. Not only did she struggle, sacrifice and deny herself to rear those whom Providence had committed to her care, but she toiled and strove to educate them along with the education of herself. In all her efforts she was successful and no greater praise has been merited in this community than that praise that should be bestowed upon the subject of this sketch for the loyalty and fidelity with which she carried out her trust.

She graduated with honor from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and for several years has successfully pursued the practice of medicine in her adopted city. She has a very large practice all over the city of Memphis and is the favorite physician of hundreds of women. Notwithstanding her extraordinary struggles and difficulties she has been successful in accumulating some of the goods of this world; she has a lovely home on St. Paul avenue, and with continued health and strength her property possessions will grow to even greater proportions. The doctress is quite a speaker and has always been conspicuous in the movements for the elevation and improvement of the women of her race.

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**Dr. W. H. Luster.**

Dr. W. H. Luster is a native of the state of Mississippi and began his professional career as a school teacher in his native state. In the course of a few years he tired of the profession which gave such meager returns in a financial way for the great efforts expended on it, and began the study of medicine at Meharry Medical College from which he graduated with honor.

The quiet and gentlemanly doctor is a man of bright intellect and one of the shining lights of the medical profession in this community. Before taking up the study of medicine he had been a professor in the great state school for colored people in Mississippi—Alcorn University—and had brought to the investigation of the science of medicine a trained intellect of unquestionable power. About five years ago he located in Memphis and has enjoyed the greatest success in the practice of his profession. He has an extensive practice and in many sections of the city the people will not think of having any other physician in their homes and the riot act will greet any other physician that has the rashness to tramp with unholy feet on the quiet doctor's sacred territory. The doctor has accumulated a comfortable fortune since beginning the practice of medicine. He has a beautiful cottage on S. Cynthia street and property in various sections of the city. He has an interesting family of bright little people and a charming lady to preside over a happy home.

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**Dr. R. G. Martin.**

The subject of this sketch is a native of Sunny Tennessee. He was blessed with good opportunities and a good home. His good mother is still living and enjoying the blessings of health and reasonable prosperity and the doctor's successful life has been, no doubt, due to the sacrifice and inspiration of his dear old mother. As may be said of so many other successful men, he taught school for several years prior to beginning the study of medicine. He completed his medical course at Meharry Medical College in 1893, and immediately began the great work of ministering to and relieving the sufferings of mankind. In the practice of his profession he has gained marked success. No other physician in the community stands higher in public estimation in point of medical knowledge and ability. In conferences with his fellow physicians his knowledge bears the weight of authority, so skilled is his diagnosis and so unerring the remedy. He is the recognized official head of the medical fraternity of Memphis, having been honored with the presidency of the Bluff City Medical Association of Memphis. He has a very large practice and this practice covers the whole city of Memphis and its environs. Dr. Martin is an orator of no mean ability and a first-class man on general principles. He has



achieved success in everything that he has ever attempted and is a bright example of the possibilities of the colored race in this country. He comes from a race of giants, physically and intellectually, tho' in his case, it is the intellectual side, rather than the physical, that suggests the giant. The medical profession in Tennessee is honored by such an able practitioner as Dr. R. G. Martin.

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**Dr. Wm. S. Martin.**

The subject of this sketch was born in the state of Mississippi, where his parents now reside. His advantages were good as his parents were able to give him the best. After attending the common schools in his State, he came to Memphis and attended Le-Moyne Institute, from which he graduated with great credit. The same year he entered Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated from this famous institution at the expiration of four years constant and unremitting study. He was an interne at Mercer Hospital, Nashville, and in this capacity derived much practical benefit preparatory to the practice of his profession. He located in Memphis, seemingly the paradise for successful physicians, and has done splendidly in his profession. He is a quiet, pleasant, congenial man with the faculty of making himself agreeable to everyone and this characteristic has drawn to him a great number of friends. The doctor is alright and his professional success is alright, too.

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**Dr. A. G. McCoy.**

Dr. McCoy hails from the great state of Mississippi. He received his academic training at Tougaloo University. He taught school in his native state for eight years and was one of its leading teachers. He pursued the study of medicine for three years at Meharry Medical College and then completed his course at the Knoxville Medical College. He located in Memphis but recently, but he finds this city an inviting field for professional work. His wife is a practicing physician and pharmacist in Knoxville and is holding her own professionally in that end of the state as the doctor himself is creditably holding his own in this end.

**Dr. A. C. McCully.**

The worthy physician with the name so suggestive of the Emerald Isle, was born in Tennessee. He was educated in the common schools of the State and graduated from Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. He engaged in the profession of teaching for six or eight years, but abandoned it to pursue the study of medicine. He graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1901 and has successfully practiced his profession in Humboldt and in Memphis. Since coming to the Bluff City he has built up a splendid practice and is rapidly forging to the front in his profession. He is a quiet, cultured, thoughtful man and commands the respect and best wishes of all who know him. He is nicely and conveniently located in New Chicago and is one of that section's best citizens.

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**Dr. A. C. McKissack.**

One of the youngest and most promising physicians in Memphis is Dr. A. C. McKissack. As is the case with so many other prominent colored men his eyes first saw the light of day in the state of Mississippi. He was born in the town of Holly Springs, and not far from beneath the towering oaks that surround his alma mater. From his earliest infancy he enjoyed every educational advantage that it is possible for a young man to enjoy. His distinguished sire



has for a generation or more been connected in the capacity of professor with Rust University and the son was accordingly brought up in an atmosphere of refinement and culture; and this particular fact is evident to any one that has the pleasure of his society. At an early age the doctor graduated from the collegiate department of Rust University and subsequently received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution. In the same year that he received his bachelor's degree he matriculated at Meharry Medical College and completed the course in the shortest possible time. Immediately after his graduation in medicine he pursued a special course in electro-therapeutics and gained expert knowledge of the application of electricity to the cure of the diseases to which human flesh is heir. He practiced his profession for eighteen months in the city of Nashville before locating in Memphis to practice. His office is elaborately furnished with medical apparatus and facilities and few other offices in the city can compare with it for convenience and up-to-dateness. Among the many valuable medical apparatuses that he has in his office is a Bertman Static Machine with X-ray attachment. It is a machine as wonderful in its curative results as it is terrifying in its mechanism and is destined to work great results in the art of healing among the colored people of Memphis. Dr. McKissack is a bright example of the rare instance when wealth is not a handicap to one in the struggle of life, but a real and substantial assistance. He has never known even a moment of want. He was, figuratively speaking, born in four-leaf clover and has walked on velvet all his life and yet he is just as manly and just as gritty as if he had made his entire way unaided. His recent marriage to a talented and charming lady of his native state will, no doubt, be the greatest inspiration of his life and his professional success will, in all probability, be as great as his selection of a help meet for life has been fortunate. We tender our congratulations to them and wish for them the success and happiness of a long and prosperous life.

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**Dr. A. McNeace.**

This sterling young physician with a swell name is said to be a native of the state of Mississippi, and the author accepts this kind information as a fact inasmuch as that great state has furnished to Tennessee the majority of Tennessee's successful men. The people of Memphis take considerable pride in Dr. McNeace because he was

educated in one of the city's best private institutions of learning—LeMoyne Normal Institute, from which he graduated. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, and a creditable representative of that famous institution. He has succeeded well in the practice of medicine and has had the judgment and foresight to locate in Binghamton, where the clash of competing physicians is not so strong. He is doing great work and meeting with that success commensurate with his work. He belongs to that class of young physicians that come well prepared for success in their profession as soon as they receive their diplomas. The community welcomes such professional talent as the doctor possesses and will bestow upon him a worthy patronage.

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**Dr. D. B. Miller.**

The subject of this sketch was born in Alleghany county, Pittsburg, Pa. He is one of the best educated men in his profession, having received every advantage of a liberal education. He is a graduate of Lincoln University and received the degree of Master of Arts from his Alma Mater. He graduated from the theological department of this famous school in 1895. For four years he was principal of one of the leading public schools of Martinville, Va.,



and demonstrated his ability as a successful teacher. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College. The doctor is really an able man with versatile accomplishments and is capable of achieving success in any undertaking requiring ability of a high order. Few men have had his advantages and fewer still have so well used their advantages, for personal and public good.

The doctor, since locating in Memphis, has been very successful in his profession and has a great deal more to show for his success than most of the others that have been here no longer than he. He has two swell, up-to-date vehicles, and a magnificent horse, and makes an appearance befitting a successful physician. He is an affable, courteous, kindly gentleman with a helping hand extended to every worthy cause. He is going to make his professional mark in Memphis and the older physicians here will soon have to sit up and take notice.

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**Dr. E. E. Nesbit.**

The affable, fashionably attired physician answering to this name is one of the most popular young physicians of Memphis. He is a native of Tennessee, and has lived within the borders of this state for his whole life. In his early school life he was a pupil of Grant School; subsequently he attended Howe Institute, and graduated with credit from this well-known institution of learning. He is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and from the beginning of his professional career he has been successful. He is a fine example of energy; self-confidence and determination, and these qualities have played a very conspicuous part in his success. He is an idol among the good people of North Memphis, and universally popular. His office is favorably located and is fitted up with up-to-date medical conveniences and appliances. The doctor has the real professional air without affectation, and the real professional ability without exaggeration. As a specialist he has been successful and as a general practitioner he has shown ability of the highest order. He is courteous, pleasant and kind and merits all the success he has achieved.

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**Dr. F. R. Newman.**

This erudite and elegantly attired young physician was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He is a graduate of the Harrisburg high school and lacked only a short time of completing his collegiate course. He began the study of medicine at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and

graduated with high honors from the Medical Department of the University of West Tennessee. He enjoyed one year's professional experience in the Harrisburg Hospital, and is the second colored man that ever had a similar opportunity. In the Harrisburg Hospital he took special work on diseases of women and children and in this specialty he has gained much success. Since locating in Memphis he has treated patients from all the adjacent states and has been successful in several cases that had been given up by other physicians as incurable. The doctor has an up-to-date office fitted up with all necessary medical appliances. He has a Campbell X-ray and High Frequency Coil Electrical Machine with Florescope attachment. This is one of the most effective and up-to-date electrical machines on the market. This is an age of electricity and many diseases incurable by other methods are reached successfully thru electrical agencies. The doctor is doing the community a great service by purchasing such an invaluable machine. With this machine any foreign substance solid in character lodged in the body order to remove it. Dr. Newman is one of the professors of the University of West Tennessee, and one of its most honored graduates. He has ability of the highest order and will soon take name among the giants of the professional.

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#### **Dr. L. G. Patterson.**

Dr. Patterson is a nephew of Dr. C. A. Terrell of this city and is a native of the great state of Alabama. He enjoyed educational advantages second to none and had the benefit of the training and experience of his uncle. He is a graduate of Howe Institute, Memphis, Tenn. He, also, attended Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss. He is associate physician with his uncle in the Terrell-Patterson Infirmary of this city, and has shown great skill as a physician and surgeon.

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#### **Dr. G. F. Pinskton.**

The great state of Mississippi, so prolific in natural resources and so productive in great men, again comes to the rescue of the Volunteer state by sending to it one of its most successful and able physicians in the person of Dr G. F. Pinkston. Judging from the hand-may be brought to view, and proper remedial agencies resorted to in



some doctor's appearance his life has been one long benediction. Nature seems to have rejoiced in the making of him for she endowed him with gifts physical and intellectual out of the ordinary. His educational training was obtained at Meridian Academy—one of the leading academies of Mississippi. He had an experience of two years in the teacher's profession but elected to pursue the study of medicine. He is an alumnus of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and a worthy representative of this famous institution.. For four years he has practiced with great success his profession in Memphis and is now considered not only one of our leading physicians, but one of our most promising young men. He has acquired valuable property interests in Memphis, and has had exceptional success in his profession. He is a pleasant, unassuming gentleman with an air of quiet, business-like determination which indicates the man. He is prominent in business and popular in social circles, and is altogether a man with a brilliant future for professional and financial achievement.

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#### **Dr. W. T. Prater.**

The young physician bearing this name is a native of Tennessee and a recent acquisition to our growing city. Unconsciously he seems to have obeyed the injunction of the lamented Horace Greely to go west and grow up with the country. He was educated at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn. He taught school for five years but decided to take up the study of medicine. He graduated from the Knoxville Medical College and practiced medicine in Knoxville before locating in Memphis. He is a scholarly gentleman and is bound to make his professional mark. The doctor does not weigh as much as some of the other physicians weigh in avoirdupois, but in brain he is in it with the best. If valuable commodities come in small packages the worthy doctor is the very personification of professional value. He has a good practice in Orange Mound and in other sections of the city and his practice will be largely increased as soon as his ability is more generally known.

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#### **Dr. B. L. Ruffin.**

Dr. Ruffin is a native of the Volunteer State and was educated in its schools. He received his academic training at Walden University and began the study of the medical profession at Meharry Medical College from which he graduated in 1904. He has practiced



DR. B. L. RUFFIN

with success both in Memphis and in other sections of Tennessee. and is a worthy representative of a noble profession. Dr. Ruffin is the personification of pleasantness and good nature, and it is not surprising that he succeeded in wooing and winning his estimable wife, who is a graduate of Kortrecht high school, of this city. The doctor has a large practice and substantial prospects for the future.

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**Dr. Chas. H. Shelby.**

Shelby county. in the grand old Volunteer State of Tennessee. has many things of which it is justly proud, but it is not prouder of anything else than of its own name of Shelby. The name of Shelby is a name to conjure with and few men can bear its weight with indifference. The splendid young man bearing the name of this sketch is a home product. He was born in Memphis and has spent his whole life in this city. He is a shining example of what ambition and oneness of purpose can accomplish in the life of anyone. He enjoyed no special advantages in early life other than what the average boy of our race enjoys. At a tender age he was left on his own resources to make his own way and he manfully



stuck to the task. and finally succeeded: He worked his way step by step through college and depended wholly upon his own efforts. He thoroughly assimilated the principles of medicine and graduated with honor from Meharry Medical College. After his graduation he located in his home town to practice his profession and has achieved a success which is gratifying alike to himself and his friends. Dr. Shelby is a gentleman of charming personality. He is perfect simplicity in taste and manners and no amount of professional success could cause his hat band to expand beyond its usual measure. He is happily married and a charming son has blessed the union. He has a beautiful home on Adelaide street and prospects of the brightest in every department of success in life.

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#### **Dr. C. A. Terrell.**

The eminent physician forming the theme of this narrative is a native of the state of Alabama. Having in youth enjoyed splendid educational advantages in his native state, at an early age he began the profession of teaching which he followed successfully for several years. Having decided to take up the profession of medicine he entered Meharry Medical College, from which he graduated with great distinction, and settled down to the practice of medicine in the city of Memphis, Tenn. He is one of our oldest practicing physicians and one of the most successful. His experience in the practice of his profession in Memphis was gratifying from the very beginning. and in less than the course of a year he was one of the leading physicians. He has a bright mind and can understand and elucidate the most abstruse principles of medical science. He is a well informed man and has a library of great value which he has for use rather than for ornament. His practice in Memphis has always been very large and has been of such proportions that he could hardly do justice to it alone. He is the founder and promoter of the Terrell-Patterson Infirmary, located at 159 Beale avenue. in the city of Memphis, and his successful treatment of the many serious cases committed to his care is evidence of his proficiency in the healing art. Patients from far and near come to Memphis to avail themselves of the excellent treatment provided for them at this infirmary and untold good has resulted from the skill and ability of the man at the head of this great institution. Fortune has smiled abundantly upon Dr. Terrell, and he has flourished like a greenbay





DR. C. A. TERRELL



tree. He has accumulated much valuable property in Memphis, and each succeeding year finds him wealthier than before. He has a modern, up-to-date home on East Georgia avenue and lives in the style befitting a successful and wealthy physician. His home is an ornament to the community and reflects great credit upon both the taste of the owner and the possibilities of the medical profession.

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### Dr. A. L. Thompson.

The quiet, gentlemanly physician that is the subject of this sketch, is a native of the state of Tennessee. He is a practitioner of long experience and great skill, and has practised medicine in several of the states of the federal union. He located in Memphis after coming here directly from the Lone Star State where he had successfully practiced his profession. He is a classmate of Dr. J. C. Hairston and these two experienced and distinguished physicians make a combination that is hard to beat. The writer would be delighted to narrate for the pleasure of the doctor's many friends and admirers some of the exciting scenes of the doctor's youth, but the writer regrets to say that he has not received any definite information as to whether the genial doctor had any youth. In fact, there is an impression prevailing, which impression can not be traced to any reliable source, that the quiet and lovable doctor has always been grown, and that, like the Greek heroes of mythology, he sprang from the soil. If this information be true, it, no doubt, accounts for the unusual fortune and good luck of this pleasant gentleman all through life.

It is our belief that the doctor can, without an umbrella over him, go through a heavy down-pour without getting the least bit wet; and that if any body on this mundane sphere can find the bag of gold at the curved extremity of the rainbow it is the worthy doctor. It is claimed that the doctor has never even lost a button off his clothes inasmuch as his person is not affected by the ordinary laws of gravitation and that in youth no buttered biscuit of his ever descended to terra firma. Be these reports as they may, we are positive of one thing and that is that the doctor has one of the most elegant and up-to-date homes in Memphis. It is thoroly modern in every particular and compares in every respect favorably with the residences of some of the wealthiest white citizens of Memphis. We also know another thing—that the doctor's powerful rabbit foot

was in evidence in his selection of a wife; for he led to the altar one of the most charming young women of the city of Memphis and her cheerful companionship is enough to keep permanent the smile of satisfaction that he wears.

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### Dr. G. L. Williams.

There is an old saying that "blood will tell," and we are convinced of the correctness of this adage so far as it is exemplified in the case of the subject of this sketch—Dr. G. L. Williams. He is descended from some of the best blood of his native state, his father being Prof. J. A. Q. Williams of Holly Springs, Miss., one of the best known and most influential colored men in the state. Like his distinguished father, doctor Williams is of large and imposing stature and towers like a Colossus above puny mortals like the writer. Dr. Williams was in a manner born to the purple. His whole life has been cast in pleasant places and he has never known harrowing want or aching care. No other youth in the land has enjoyed better advantages of educational training. He completed his academic education at Rust University and received his degrees from that institution before he had reached his majority. He then supplemented his collegiate training with a course in medicine at Meharry Medical College from which institution he graduated at an unusually early age and with great distinction. Instead of locating in his native state to practice his profession, he elected to settle in Memphis, where unlimited opportunity and possibility are within the reach of all, and experience has demonstrated the wisdom of his action. For a young man in professional experience his success has been great. His most sanguine moments could not have anticipated the splendid success that has been his. His practice has steadily grown from the beginning until its proportions have become gratifying in the extreme. He is a young man of fine scholarship and is well prepared to contest for supremacy in his chosen profession. Nature has been generous beyond stint with him. He is blessed with both brain and brawn—the twin requisites of modern civilization. His proportions are Goliath-like, but no modern David with his smooth little pebble can penetrate his medical armour and destroy his professional success. He is the business manager of the Union Drug Co., of which his father is president, and maintains comfortable quarters for his office in the same building. Recently the young



doctor stole a march on his friends and went to his native state and brought back with him a beautiful blushing bride. With her presence to encourage and stimulate him his success in the future will be even more pronounced than in the past.

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**Dr. J. W. Winchester.**

This gentleman with the aristocratic cognomen first saw the light of day in the grand old state of North Carolina. In youth he received the very best training and he graduated from the classical course of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., and then began the study of medicine at Leonard Medical College, Raleigh, N. C., which institution is one of the departments of the famous Shaw University, which has graduated so many distinguished men. He received hospital training at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and took his final examinations at the University of West Tennessee from which school he graduated with honor. The doctor is a scholarly man with an investigating turn of mind and it will not be surprising if he should make some discoveries in medical science that will be of great benefit to the human race. He is one of the professors of the University of West Tennessee and is popular alike with students and faculty. Though his professional work in Memphis has been short he is now generally and favorably known as the coming physician of Memphis. He is genial, affable, and pleasant in the extreme and already numbers his friends in this community by the hundreds. No man with such a high-sounding, aristocratic name can possibly fail.

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**Dr. W. B. Woods.**

Dr. Woods was born in the State of Tennessee. He attended Le-Moyne Institute from which he graduated. He pursued the study of medicine in Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., from which institution he received his diploma. We are personally acquainted with Dr. Woods and know something of his aspirations and serious intentions in life. He has a splendid educational foundation on which to build professional success and we have no doubt that time will show him to be one of our most successful physicians.

# DOCTORS *of* DENTAL SURGERY

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## Dr. G. P. Bell.

The talented gentleman that is the subject of this narrative is a native of the proud old commonwealth of Mississippi and enjoyed the best advantages afforded by its educational institutions. Having received a liberal education he began his career in journalism in his native state and achieved considerable distinction as an able and fearless writer. He finally abandoned in part the work of a journalist and began at Meharry Medical College the study of dental surgery. Having graduated with great credit he settled down to practice his profession in the state of Kentucky, but after a short professional experience there he decided to come to the Bluff City and locate. His success in the practice of his profession here has been great and he is one of the city's leading dentists. He is the son of Rev. B. R. Bell, pastor of the Jackson Avenue Baptist church of this city, and is a worthy son of a reverend sire. The doctor is a versatile genius. He is equally at home in the practice of dental surgery or the practice of law. He is a graduate in law, having received his L. L. B. degree from one of the best law schools in the great state of Illinois. He is thus well equipped to be of great service to his race. He can relieve their intense physical suffering caused by unsound and aching teeth, or he can, to an equal degree, relieve their mental anxiety caused by fear of lawful punishment for an indiscreet life. The doctor is of fine intellect and courtly appearance and even in these days of financial stringency he seems to be the personification of prosperity. His immaculate shirt front and well groomed figure are indicative of roses in his pathway instead of thorns.

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## Dr. J. C. Clark.

One of the most successful, resourceful, skillful and accomplished dentists in the city of Memphis, if not in the entire South, is Dr. J. C. Clark. He seems to have an innate insight into the struc-



ture and needs of the human teeth. He has the reputation of being a mechanical expert and is master of all the most recent ideas concerning dental surgery. He has an original mind and dares to go out of the beaten paths of dental surgery in order to demonstrate a theory of his own. He enjoys one of the largest and most select practices of any dentist in the state of Tennessee and is regarded as the peer of any one in the business. He is a jovial, good-natured, sensible young man, blessed with the happy faculty of attending to his own business and passing over the affairs of other people. He has a loyal and true little wife with two interesting children and will continue to succeed in the future as he has so well done in the past.

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#### **Dr. John H. Seward.**

This young man with the historic surname is one of the most recent accessions to the ranks of the practicing dental surgeons of Memphis, but in the short time in which he has been established he has gained a very good practice, everything being considered. He has elegant and commodious quarters over the Union Drug Store, on South Third street, and they are furnished with appliances of the most modern character. The doctor is a pleasant gentleman of large and commanding presence and the most refractory molar would have to yield behind the pull of two hundred pounds of athletic avoirdupois. He has auspiciously begun his career and the best wishes of his friends attend him in his efforts.

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#### **Dr. D. W. Fields.**

The oldest and most experienced dentist in the city of Memphis is the subject of this narrative, who has been actively engaged in dental practice since the year of 1889. He is a native of the state of Tennessee and descended from a worthy parentage. He is a member of a very large family, all the members of which are noted for their industry, thrift and fidelity to duty. Several of the different professions are represented in the personnel of the family and great success and distinction have been achieved by several. Dr. D. W. Fields is not only a skilled dentist with a large patronage, but he is a great church worker and a successful business man. His life in the community has been exemplary and he enjoys the confidence and love of a host of friends. His early investments in property in the

suburbs of Memphis have resulted in great financial gain to him and his former fortune has been increased many fold so that now he is regarded as one of the wealthiest colored men in Memphis. He is an excellent gentleman and a race-loving, God-fearing man, and every one that knows him not only rejoices because of the turn that fortune has taken in his favor, but sincerely wishes that it may continue to increase until it rivals that of the Croesus of old.

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**Dr. H. H. Kennedy.**

The quiet, genial, oriental looking young man bearing this name is a native of the proud and growing metropolis on the high bluffs of the Mississippi river. He is probably one of the best and most favorably known young men in all Memphis and enjoys the best wishes of a host of friends. His parents are some of the city's leading citizens and are materially connected with its growing interests. Mr. Kennedy is professionally young in years, but old in experience and horse sense. He has shown a peculiar proficiency in dental surgery and has built up a practice of splendid proportions in the few years in which he has been engaged in the profession. He has nicely fitted up apartments at 159 Beale avenue, and uses only the most modern and up-to-date methods. He has a thorough knowledge of the principles of dental surgery and is destined to achieve eminence in the practice of his profession.



**Dr. A. L. Nicholson.**

The young dental surgeon whose name is at the head of his narrative, is a brother of Dr. Walter D. Nicholson, of this city, whose sketch succeeds this; and the same commendable things written concerning Dr. Walter Nicholson, apply with equal force to Dr. A. Nicholson. Dr. A. L. Nicholson is young in years but full of professional promise. He seems to have an intelligent grasp of the principles of his profession and will in time secure his full share of public patronage.

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**Dr. Walter D. Nicholson.**

The subject of this short sketch is a "home boy," as the expression is generally used. He is the son of a prosperous truck farmer, living just outside of the corporate limits of Memphis. He is a graduate of the dental department of Meharry Medical College for the year of 1908, and is now fitted up with modern appliances and is thoroly prepared to relieve suffering humanity from its most excruciating ills. It has been the pleasure of the writer to visit his dental parlors and the writer was pleased beyond expression not only with the thoroughly modern conveniences with which his parlors are furnished, but with his self-confidence and determination to succeed.



# *The* COLORED LAWYERS *of* MEMPHIS

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Of all the professions that require innate gifts and talents of the highest order the profession of law is considered the greatset. In no other profession are the responsibilities weightier and the financial rewards greater. It requires great learning, fine power of analysis, cogent reasoning, and ability to think profoundly while standing on one's feet in the heat of legal conflict and argument. Its effective weapons are reason, eloquence and the skillful presentation of the law favorable to the interests at stake. The men engaged in the profession should be men of unimpeachable integrity and character. The obligation of the lawyer to his client should be carried out without a single variation and any other action tends to bring the profession into disrepute or contempt.

In the matter of able and brilliant colored lawyers practicing at the bar of Memphis, the colored people are to be congratulated. They have an aggregation of the ablest and best equipped lawyers in the state of Tennessee. For over thirty years the colored people of Memphis have been ably represented at the bar of public justice, the pioneer in the profession having been Hon. T. F. Cassells, one of the craftiest, most resourceful, and most learned lawyers, regardless of race, that ever practiced at the Memphis bar.

The profession of law is the only one that gives opportunity to the colored man to measure arms and break lances in legal combat with the representatives of every other race under the sun. The medical profession does not afford such an opportunity, as there is seldom a conference between physicians of the two races. Furthermore, in the practice of law the judiciary are white, the great body of legal practitioners are white. Thus there is every incentive for the colored barrister to try to conquer and win his case. He is compelled to meet antagonists whose ancestors wrested the Magna Charter from King John and who have inherited legal training just as they have inherited other personal characteristics. He is com-



pelled to meet men who were born to the purple and had every advantage of opportunity and training to prepare themselves for their chosen work.

A great deal can be said along the line of commendation concerning the courts and bar of Memphis in their relation and attitude toward the colored lawyer. So far as the writer has been able to ascertain there is no great amount of complaint and dissatisfaction on the part of the colored lawyers either with the judges or with the juries. The judges are men of the greatest ability and the most exalted character and can be depended upon to be fair and impartial in their administration of the law. It is said that no other city in the South gives to its colored lawyers a fairer hearing and a more unbiased judgment than the courts of Memphis.

In the city of Memphis are twelve lawyers that are legally qualified and actively engaged in all the different courts in the practice of their profession. Some of them have been very successful and enjoy the respect and confidence of the whole bar. Several of them have accumulated great wealth and are now in easy circumstances and well prepared for the rainy day.

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#### **H. M. Bomar, Esq.**

The ambitious and talented young man bearing this unusual cognomen is a native of Tennessee and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest colored lawyer at the bar of Memphis, and even now being comparatively a youth. His advantages in life were very limited and he was forced by circumstances to rely wholly upon self. He is to a great extent a self-made man and can boast of no favors from others on the road to success. Early in life he resolved to become a lawyer and bent all of his energies toward the attainment of this one ambition. He toiled and sacrificed and struggled until that benign power, that helps those who help themselves, provided the way.

He began the study of law under Chancellor E. L. Bullocks, of Jackson, Tenn. The chancellor was learned in the law, painstaking in explanation and inspiring in presence and helped the prospective lawyer to lay an enduring foundation. Mr. Bomar completed his legal studies under the tutorage of that matchless lawyer and gifted teacher, Hon. B. F. Booth, of the Memphis bar, and the information and training received from him has very largely determined Mr. Bomar's professional success.

Mr. Bomar was admitted to the bar in 1897 and practices in all the courts. In his general practice he has been very successful. Some of his greatest legal successes have been in connection with habeas corpus cases, concerning which he is said to have had the largest practice in Memphis. The fees that he has received in connection with some of these habeas corpus cases have been of goodly proportions. As an orator he is forceful, fluent, graceful and eloquent. He has a style peculiarly his own and is always interesting and impressive. For a young lawyer he has a large and growing practice and the coming years may bring him such overwhelming success that he may at some time be at the head of the Memphis bar.

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### **B. F. Booth, Esq.**

The distinguished and eminent subject of this sketch is a native of the great state of Mississippi. In early life he enjoyed the best advantages of home and school training and graduated with honor from one of the leading institutions of learning of his native state. While in school he gave undoubted evidence of superior skill in mathematics and this skill has, on more than one occasion, turned toward him the tide of legal victory. In one of his famous causes in the United States District Court he won a great damage suit because of his thoro knowledge of mathematics as appalied to natural philosophy. His elucidation of the scientific principles involved was so clear and masterly that both judge and jury unhesitatingly rendered a verdict in favor of his client. It is very often the case that a condition or assertion is capable of mathematical demonstration and if the success of counsel depends upon his ability to prove or disprove a contention by mathematical principles the importance of a thoro education is at once evident.

After his graduation he taught school for several years and gained the front rank in the teacher's profession. The same fidelity that he now shows to the interests of his clients he showed to the interests of the pupils committed to his care. He was the principal of the city schools of Bolivar, Tenn., and enjoyed a long and successful tenure of office therein and it was with the greatest reluctance that his resignation was accepted in order that he might engage in the practice of law.

When a very young man he was seized with a great determination to study the principles of law and become a great lawyer. He



entered the teacher's profession but it was not with the intention of permanently pursuing it; so at the earliest convenient time he resigned the work for the practice of law. He studied the principles of law under Col. Inge, one of the ablest lawyers of the state of Mississippi and at one time speaker of the Mississippi house of representatives. He was admitted to the bar at Bolivar, Tenn., and came from that place to Memphis to practice in 1888.

As soon as Lawyer Booth arrived in Memphis he was employed as counsel in the celebrated contested election case of L. B. Eaton vs. James Phelan and in taking depositions in this case it was neces-



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sary for him to visit most of the precincts in the four counties forming the Tenth Congressional District of Tennessee. In doing so he displayed great ability and gave an example of moral courage that is unusual under such peculiar conditions.

In the twenty years of his practice in Memphis he has achieved unparalleled success and this success staggers belief. Twenty years ago he came to Memphis a perfect stranger to most of its citizens; now he is one of the best known and most successful lawyers in the whole South. His clientage is so great that it is nearly a physical impossibility for him to attend to it and for years he has been in

great need of a first-class lawyer to assist him in his enormous practice. He is one of the ablest, and from every standpoint, one of the most resourceful lawyers at the bar, and can readily shift his legal sails in order to weather almost any gale. He is a many-sided lawyer and has a comprehensive knowledge of all the branches of the law. His inclinations tend in the direction of civil law and in this special department of practice he has gained fame and wealth. In criminal law he has had unbounded success. No client of his has ever suffered capital punishment and this is a remarkable experience for a lawyer that has represented, probably, as many clients in the past twenty years as any other lawyer in the South. His fees in several individual instances have been unusually large. He has been paid the largest fee of any colored barrister south of the Ohio river and the largest to any colored lawyer in the United States with the exception of Edward Morris, Esq., of Chicago, Ill. With such a large clientage and such unusual fees in so many cases it is no wonder that he has accumulated such a handsome competency.

In his large practice before the Supreme Court of the state and in the United States District Courts he has won the admiration of judges and jurors alike. His simple style, his unerring reasoning, his legal learning and modest bearing have given him great weight with the luminaries of the profession and he now stands securely on a pedestal of fame impossible in a mind less gifter in its legal attainments. He has accumulated much property in various sections of the city of Memphis and all of it has appreciated in value. He has a home in keeping with his legal success—a home in which taste and elegance are displayed without stint. He lives in a swell section of the city and has a commodious home, a charming wife and a precocious child.

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**T. W. Bradford, Esq.**

The worthy and honorable gentleman concerning whom we are writing in this sketch was born in the city of Memphis and is probably the only colored lawyer now practicing at the bar in Memphis that can claim such a distinction. As a general rule a prophet is without honor in his own country and must necessarily go elsewhere to make his mark. Such, however, has not been the experience of Mr. Bradford, for right in the city of his nativity he has gained success in his chosen profession.

Mr. Bradford is a man of more than ordinary experience. He has seen life in many of its varied relations. He has dared to do whatever honorable that his hands have found to do and has never



been a kid-glove, molly-coddle, afraid and ashamed of honest toil. He is a man that has made his own way. Having always had a set purpose in life to do something worthy and to be somebody, he early began preparation for the purpose of realizing this desire. Depending upon his own personal efforts he studied hard and denied himself of many things craved by the fashionable and unambitious. In this manner he laid the foundation of a strong and mastering intellect. Largely by his own efforts he mastered the principles of law and prepared himself for admission to the bar.

The circumstances under which he was admitted to the bar in 1894 are so much out of the ordinary that it may be of interest to relate them. His examination was in open court and participated in by the whole bar present. It was a free-for-all examination and any practicing attorney had the privilege of hurling a legal javelin at him, and each one present exercised this privilege. It is evident to anybody how easy it might have been to disconcert or confuse a candidate under such unusual circumstances; but Mr. Bradford was thoroly grounded in the principles of the law and passed his examination with great credit.

He practices in all the courts but prefers to make a specialty of civil law in the practice of which he has been very successful. He is a lawyer of splendid ability and conscientiously looks after the interests of his clients. His practice is good and growing in a gratifying manner. He is a man of splendid character and the highest ideals and would not lend his efforts to any cause that is wrong or questionable in its intent. He is a quiet, earnest, honest lawyer and merits the best wishes and patronage of all.

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#### **S. S. Carter, Esq.**

The gentleman bearing the name heading this sketch is one of the best known citizens and lawyers of the city of Memphis, having been a resident of this city the greater part of his life and having practiced his profession here for twenty years. The great state of Tennessee claims his nativity.

The career of Mr. Carter has been full of absorbing interest and rivals the pages of fiction. The writer can liken the subject only to the courtly knights of the middle ages.

In the years covering the period from 1882 to 1884, Mr. Carter was assistant foreman of the folding room of the United States House of Representatives at Washington, and performed his duties

with credit. After terminating his official career in Washington he returned to Memphis and began the study of law under Hon. W. H. Carroll and Hon. Casey Young. It is doubtful if any other student ever began the study of such an abstruse subject as law under more auspicious conditions. Each of his instructors was an authority on the principles of jurisprudence. Each won fame and wealth from the profession and the one that still moves, breathes and has his being in the walks of life is the acknowledged dean of the Memphis bar.

Mr. Carter was admitted to the bar from the office of those able attorneys that had prepared him and he was received upon their recommendation. He was enrolled as a practicing attorney in the United States District Court in 1900, and in the Supreme Court of the state in 1905. He is a man of broad and ripe experience in the law and has achieved a success that only competence of the highest order can achieve. In the course of his practice he has been connected with sixteen murder cases of the first degree which is an experience that does not fall to the lot of the average lawyer. Of this large number of men whose lives were in the very shadow of the gallows, he cleared eight and only one of them expiated his crime on the gallows. He is a man that has done much for the colored race. In several instances involving the welfare of members accused of crime and defenseless he has courageously thrown himself into the breach in order to see that justice was done. His moral courage is superb and he never stands irresolute or craven with fear if any great principle of justice affecting his people is at stake. He has the decision and courage of a Henry of Navarre and those who follow him may follow his white plume to victory.

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#### **M. D. Fleming, Esq.**

The handsome, distinguished-looking gentleman forming the subject of this sketch was born in the state of Mississippi—the state whose climate and soil seem to be productive of great men. He began the practice of his profession in his native state in the year of 1888, and continued until his removal to Memphis in the year of 1891.

A very singular occurrence in connection with his admission to the bar in the State of Mississippi may be of interest to our readers. He enjoys the distinction of having been one of the very few applicants in the State of Mississippi that were examined by the Supreme Court of the State, sitting in a body, for admission to the



bar. It is the usual custom for judges of the Inferior Courts to examine candidates for admission to the bar and to pass upon their qualification; but in the case of Lawyer M. D. Fleming all precedent was disregarded and the highest tribunal in the State passed upon his legal attainments and set the seal of its approval upon them.

He has been connected with the bar of Memphis since the year of 1891, and is considered by all as one of the shining lights of the legal fraternity. He is a man of distinguished bearing and courtly presence and seemingly would be at perfect ease in the presence of King Edward the Seventh. He is as interesting in conversation as he is thorough in the knowledge of the law and any one will be well repaid for the effort to gain his society. He seems to have some very clear and definite ideas of right and wrong with reference to the action of his race and he is fearless in his advocacy of the doctrines that he preaches. He is an orator of great ability and can soar on the wings of eloquence to heights as great as his stature is imposing. He is a lawyer whose training, skill, and learning are up to the highest standard and his success at the bar of Memphis has been worthy of his great talents. There is nothing little about him, either in character or stature. He measures up to the full demands of his profession and his ability commands the respect and wonder of the whole Memphis bar.

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#### A. J. Hal, Esq.

The subject of this sketch is a man of unusual ability and versatility. He was born in the State of Louisiana, but was educated in the grand old Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is a man of great scholarship. He is one of the most talented and intellectual men of the race. He is a graduate of Boston University, one of the greatest institutions of the land. For several years he was a gifted member of the teachers' profession and occupied the chair of mathematics and language in Gilbert College, Baldwin, La. In the year of 1896 he began the study of the ministry at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., and thoroughly prepared himself for the duties of this high calling. Notwithstanding the fact that other fields of labor in addition to the ministry have claimed his attention, yet he has never hesitated to show to the world that the ministry has his first and last efforts. He is president of the Anna Hal Industrial Seminary of Memphis and one of the leading Bishops of the Independent African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a man of great erudition and, in his various capacities, is capable of doing untold good.

In addition to being a teacher and a divine the distinguished subject of this sketch is a lawyer of good ability and prospects. It is but natural that the mind that could grasp the principles of teaching and theology ought to be able to understand the principles of law. It is a popular idea that the principles of law and theology are conflicting and that no man can serve both of these masters at the same time. So far as we have been able to understand we have never seen in the practice of the legal profession any provisions that are antagonistic to the principles of religion. The law is a rule of action commanding what should be done and forbidding what should not be done and it seems to our humble vision that there is no great conflict between the two. There is no reason why a man that is in character a good preacher, should not in character be in a good lawyer. Certain it is that the subject of this sketch does not cast off the robe of Christianity whenever he takes up the cause of the weak and distressed; for there is something in justice that is close to religion, and true religion will demand justice for every man.

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#### **Edward Johnson, Jr., Esq.**

The congenial and able gentleman bearing this name is a native of Georgia, popularly called the Empire State of the South. Georgia is indeed a great state and produces everything on a big scale, as may be seen by the imposing stature of the gentleman in question. At a very tender age, the subject of this sketch was brought to Memphis by his father and has made this city his permanent home.

In early life it was the privilege of the writer to attend school with him. We both were young then and the storms of many winters had not raged over our heads. It was my privilege to know something of the character of his opportunities and the nature of his struggles. His chances for education were not of the brightest, and his efforts to make a headway in life were unremitting.

His father having been a master mechanic, from his earliest boyhood the subject of this sketch was, by his father, trained in the same business and became one of the most accomplished mechanics in the city of Memphis. Out of pure love and respect for his father rather than for any love of mechanics he continued in the work until after he had reached his majority, when he resolved to take up the study of law. His resolution to study law was not a sudden impulse, but it was the result of years of serious intention and his splendid success in the legal profession shows to a great degree the serious character of his determination. He read law under Judge Bigelow,



Hon. T. F. Cassells and Lawyer B. F. Booth, all leading lawyers and eminent in their legal attainments, and it is seldom the case that any student of law enjoys the instruction of such an able array of legal talent.

He was admitted to the bar in 1898, and consequently has had ten years of valuable experience at one of the most distinguished bars in the whole country. He is a general practitioner and has won splendid success in his profession. In the United States Circuit Court of this city he had the unique honor of conducting one case for a period of four days, and he looked after the interests of his client with such consummate skill and ability that he received the commendation of the united bar. He is a lawyer with a bright future and is destined to become as thorough a master of law as he was master of mechanics.



**T. H. Johnson, Esq.**

The jovial, companionable and talented gentleman bearing the good old English name of Johnson bears the distinction of being one of the foremost attorneys at the Memphis bar. He is a native of the State of Tennessee and has been identified in various fields of usefulness in the State of his birth.

His life is a bright example of the possibilities of American life, even for a colored man. He enjoyed no uncommon advantages in life. Largely through his own efforts he laid the foundation of a good education on which to build a successful career. He knew what it means to deny self and concentrate one's whole efforts in the direction of attaining one's life ambition. He was a teacher of prominence for ten years, and only abandoned it to go into the practice of the legal profession, in which he has achieved great success. The talented son has called his home ever since.

He is an alumnus of Howe Institute of this city, and is the pride of his Alma Mater, upon which his great success has cast such undying lustre.

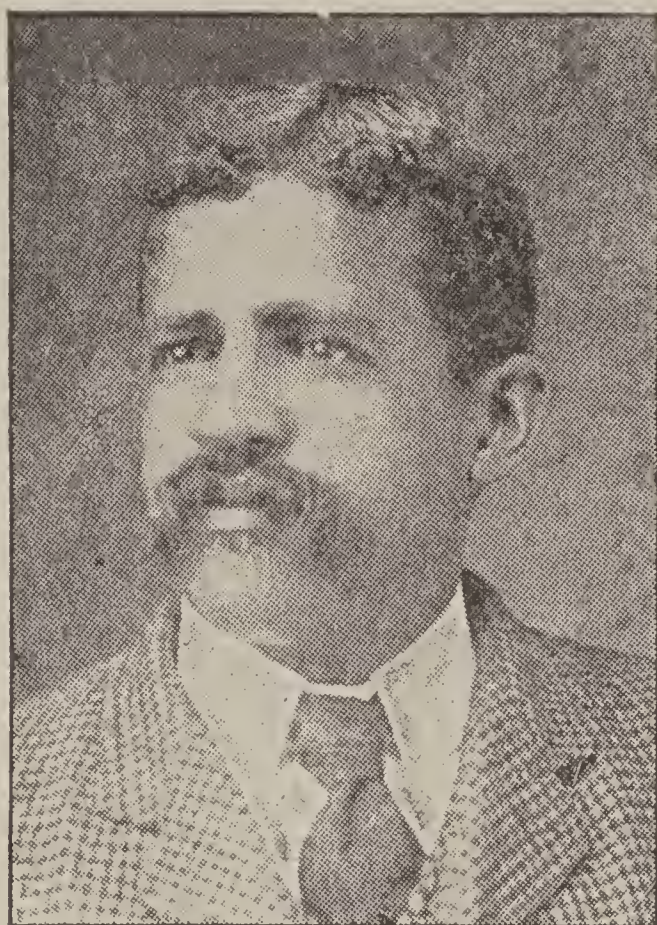
He began the study of law at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., but subsequently went to Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., in order to complete his legal studies. He studied his legal studies with great assiduity and gained a thorough insight into the great science of law. Having pursued and completed the course of law with exceptional honor, the great University conferred upon him the degree of L. L. B., and sent him forth into the world to exemplify the thorough character of the training that he received under its fostering care and guidance. He was admitted to the bar in 1898 and has been honorably connected with the profession ever since that time. He has been a notary public since 1903. He is a general practitioner, but prefers civil practice.

Mr. Johnson has done remarkably well in the practice of law. His success has been very gratifying and he has much in a substantial way to show how prosperity has smiled upon him. In a legal capacity he has been connected either as principal or associate counsel with some of the most important cases before the Memphis bar and his connection therewith has been attended with great honor to his own legal attainments and great satisfaction to the interests involved. He is a lawyer of untiring industry and never allows himself to sleep on the rights of those whose interests are intrusted to his care. He is a legal strategist and tactician, and can fence around and hedge behind a string of technicalities that would discomfit a Philadelphia lawyer. He is the quintessence of good nature and is incapable of anything that smacks of deceit or dishonesty. He has nearly reached the top rung in the ladder of legal success and has reached a degree of legal eminence from whose dizzy heights he may look down with complacency, knowing that he has well merited every iota of his success. He has a splendid modern home on East Georgia avenue and a loving wife that has contributed her share toward the happiness of this home.



**G. W. Reynolds, Esq.**

According to the tradition that all wise men come from the land of the rising sun, the subject of this sketch first opened his eyes in the State of South Carolina. In his infancy his parents emigrated west to the State of Tennessee and located in Memphis, which city



G. W. REYNOLDS,      ] (

His father, G. W. Reynolds, Sr., was one of the greatest mechanics of his day and was not only an authority in his chosen occupation of millwright, but he was an inventor that revolutionized the cotton industry of the South and in a great measure was a benefactor to the whole human race. His father was a man of great stature, courtly presence and powerful intellect, and in his practical knowledge of mechanics and philosophy he could put to shame many a learned college professor. It was the happy experience of the writer to share the kindness of his home for several years, and he had ample opportunity to fathom and wonder at the extraordinary intelligence and profound ability of the remarkable man in question.

In early life Lawyer Reynolds followed the business of a millwright and gained in it nearly as much distinction as his eminent

father, and if he were inclined today to doff the toga of barrister and return to the fields of his earlier successes in mechanics he would be welcomed with wideopen arms by a host of those that are well acquainted with his great ability.

The subject of this sketch has had experience in life that would harmonize well with the strangest stories of fiction. In youth he was a creature of unbounded ambition to accomplish some worthy object in life. No one made better or more incessant use of midnight oil in study than he. As soon as the rewards and sacrifices of his efforts would permit he went off to college, first to Berea College in Kentucky and subsequently to Oberlin University. In these two institutions he received a liberal education and laid the foundation for his present legal success. He gained his knowledge of the law in some of the best institutions of the land and is thoroughly prepared for the mastery of his profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1893 and has creditably performed the duties of his profession. He has a comfortable practice and has had no disappointment as to the success that he had hoped to achieve in the profession that he so worthily honors. His practice is of a general character and his success has been gratifying in each branch of his practice.

Lawyer Reynolds is a penman of great skill and in this beautiful art he would have hardly any superiors if he were inclined to aspire for distinction.

He is a courteous, quiet, unostentatious gentleman with an intellect as bright and forceful as his appearance is commanding.

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#### **H. R. Saddler, Esq.**

The successful lawyer bearing the name of such an honorable occupation in life is a native of the State that seems to be the breeding place of distinguished men—the great State of Mississippi. His early educational training was received in the schools of his native State and completed in the State of Tennessee, to which his parents had emigrated and brought him. He is an honored alumnus of one of our best local institutions of learning, and one to whose success it points with conscious pride.

Even when very young the distinguished subject of this sketch gave, in the literary society of his first Alma Mater, evidences of that distinction in address and forceful oratory that the opportunities of his profession have afforded him, and few occasions were considered complete without an exhibition of his oratorical graces. Endowed



with such rich gifts and having such an auspicious and fruitful field for their display, it was only natural that he should have selected a profession that would not only furnish him unlimited opportunity for exercising his gifts, but would also bring him ample financial returns. Accordingly, after his graduation, he matriculated in the Law department of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., and earnestly pursued the study of the profession in which he has gained merited success. Having received the degree of L. L. B. from the same institution, he returned home and was admitted in 1896 to the practice of his profession. He was honored by the County Court of Shelby in 1896 with the appointment of notary public and executed the necessary bond for the faithful performance of his duties, which he has done up to this time.

He was the founder and Dean of the Law Department of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., for a period extending from 1900 to 1903, and performed the duties of his exalted trust with signal ability. He practices in all the courts but makes a specialty of chancery practice in which his success has been very gratifying to himself and friends.

He has gained distinction as counsel in the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, before which tribunal he appears yearly to plead the cause of his clients. The number of his cases before this august tribunal is said to be nearly as great as those of any other counselor of color at the Memphis bar. He has a judicial trend of mind and weighs every contention in the scales of impartial judicial analysis. He is a young man of bright legal promise and has merited in his profession a success that many an older lawyer has struggled to achieve in vain.

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#### **J. T. Settle, Esq.**

The courtly, amiable and pre-eminent barrister bearing the illustrious name at the head of this sketch is a native of the great old North State, which is famous for the production of eminent and peerless men. Descended on the side of his sire from a distinguished family, it is but natural that in the son should have been sown the seeds of greatness that would fructify into a distinguished and noble career.

The early life of the distinguished lawyer was as calm and peaceful as the halcyon days of golden autumn when Nature, in seeming awe, is preparing for its transition from the dull life of autumn to the cold death of winter. He knew nothing of pressing want or painful solicitude. He enjoyed all the advantages that comfortable circumstances could bestow and had the opportunities of the most fortunate American boy. The struggles that might have been his to



J. T. SETTLE, Esq.

enable him to triumph over adverse circumstances were reserved for the arena of school life and well did he struggle to gain the mastery.

In his infancy the parents of Lawyer Settle moved to the State of Ohio, where their talented son might enjoy the best educational advantages. He matriculated at Oberlin University, where he was a most successful student and a favorite son. He not only gained distinction as a scholar of the first magnitude, but imperishable fame on the various Varsity athletic clubs. He was a member of the immortal champion baseball club of his college, and on the field could do the circus-like stunts that would cause the eyes of his fellow-



players to bulge out of their sockets and turn green with envy. He was a reliable and timely batter and his prowess with the stick brought consternation and woe to the enemy.

For reasons that he thought to be advantageous he terminated his relationship with Oberlin University and cast his fortunes with Howard University, Washington, D. C., from which institution he received his bachelor and master's degree. Immediately afterward he began the study of law in the law department of his Alma Mater and graduated from it with distinction, receiving the degree of L. L. B. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in 1875 and in a short time thereafter he emigrated to the State of Mississippi in order to practice his profession. While a resident of that State his talents were found to be of such high order that legislative honors were conferred upon him and he represented Panola county in the legislature of his adopted State. In this body of statesmen, noted for their learning and eloquence, he was one of the most learned and without question the most eloquent. It was an era in the deliberations of the House when the youthful member from Panola county claimed its attention, and the undivided attention of that body was always cheerfully given to his eloquent efforts.

In the year of 1885, the eminent lawyer of ten years of valuable experience came to the city of Memphis where he might have broader opportunities and more congenial surroundings in which to practice his profession. A short while after coming to Memphis he was appointed Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Court of Shelby county, an honor unprecedented in the history of Tennessee, and he performed the responsible duties of that high office with signal ability. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Arkansas in 1885 and to the United State Supreme Court in 1903. He is the lawyer of greatest experience among the colored section of the Memphis bar, and his comparative ability is along the line of his experience. He is an orator of wonderful ability, and the efforts of Demosthenes on the Crown were not more felicitous and forceful than are his efforts on a grand occasion and in a cause of vital importance. A scion of a noble house, his all-consuming and lofty eloquence is suggestive of the towering mountains of his native State. His voice is rich and deep and seems to have been attuned to the music of the spheres. His success as a lawyer has been phenomenal and honorably achieved. His fame as an orator and lawyer has already been made and coming generations will be inspired by the magic of his name.

He has a talented and accomplished wife to preside as queen over his household and minister to his happiness and two interesting and ambitious sons, to brighten the evening of his eventful life.

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**D. D. Sledge, Esq.**

The worthy and amiable counsellor whose name is at the head of this sketch is a native of the State of Alabama. Born in the very shadow of the fratricidal conflict that deluged this country in blood, he lost his dear father in this self-same struggle. The adverse fortune of war not only robbed him of father, but it robbed him of opportunity. His mother, a widow of the Civil War, and burdened with the responsibility and care of three other children, was in no position to assist him and accordingly he was forced to rely upon his own resources.

That benign Hand that feedeth the sparrow and tempereth the winds for the shorn lamb, also looked after the infancy of Lawyer Sledge, and made it possible for him to secure the advantages of a common school education. Having thus been put into position to help himself, he began the profession of teaching and succeeded so well in it that he was able to complete his higher education in the State college of his adopted State in 1884.

After his graduation he resumed the profession of teaching, but soon abandoned that profession for the study of law, which he pursued under two of the most famous jurists of the State of Mississippi—Hon. J. C. Longstreet, ex-Chancellor, and Hon. A. H. Whitefield, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Having a desire to broaden his understanding by association and travel he quit the State of Mississippi and went to the Northwest, and while there he further pursued his legal studies and gained such proficiency therein that he was readily admitted to the bar of the State of Missouri in the year 1894. He followed the practice of law in St. Louis, Mo., for nearly three years and then came South again and located in Memphis in 1898. Since which time he has been successfully and honorably connected with the local bar.

Lawyer Sledge is a quiet, gentlemanly man and enjoys the best wishes of all with whom he is personally acquainted. He is a lawyer of fine ability and his future career looks as bright and promising as his past career has been industrious and successful. He practices in all the courts with equal success and has made a reputation that is highly creditable to the profession of which he is such a worthy exponent. He has a cultured and talented wife to cheer his pathway and a bright set of children to gladden and make happy his life.



## *The* COLORED TEACHERS *of* MEMPHIS

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No class of professional workers have contributed more to the cause of worthy citizenship and good government than the loyal, devoted, consecrated teachers in our public and private schools; and yet we are not so sure of the fact that the teachers receive that consideration from either the State or the Nation that their long service and fidelity to duty entitle them. Republics are said to be proverbially ungrateful, and this fact is well demonstrated in the attitude of the great American Republic toward its teachers. Up to this time no satisfactory provision for superannuated teachers has been made either by the State or the Nation, and only the generous munificence of Mr. Andrew Carnegie has saved the whole American Nation from lasting disgrace. The poor teacher thus neglected may be considered in the light of the ancient worn-out horse that is first neglected and then abandoned, and turned out into the dry pasture to die a humiliating death, after its days of usefulness are over. The teacher is of greater intrinsic value to the Nation than the soldier; and yet the Nation utterly neglects the teacher, while it liberally rewards the soldier who has not made any greater sacrifice for his country. The teacher stands as an insurmountable barrier between his country and war, and is really a preventive of war; for in proportion to the degree of a Nation's intelligence does the need of the soldier become less. It is a fact verified by the experience of history that the further a Nation is removed from a state of barbarism the less inclined are its people to wage war. Thus the mission of the school teacher is in the direction of peace and in thus freeing the nation from the possibility of war the teacher is doing it a greater service than the soldier whose active mission is not to avert war, but to try to conquer after its horrors have been experienced.

In the city schools of Memphis are employed over ninety colored teachers, many of whom have seen years of faithful and honorable service. Three of the colored principals have already had twenty-four years of continuous service in the city schools and one subordinate teacher has had even a greater experience.

The tenure of service in the city schools is indefinite and depends upon the efficiency, faithfulness, good health and character of the teacher. As a whole the colored teachers of Memphis are capable and faithful and compare favorably with any other teachers in the Southland.

There is but little wealth among the teachers. This fact is not due to extravagance, but rather to the fact that the scale of wages in the teachers' profession is lower than in any other of the so-called learned professions. Moreover in some quarters the teacher is supposed to be a Missionary and to have his reward waiting for him in the other world.

The financial returns of the teachers in comparison with the lawyer or doctor are laughable. The teacher has a master, but the lawyer has not. The salary of the teacher is limited to a certain amount per annum, but the income of the lawyer or doctor depends entirely upon his ability, which only he himself can regulate.

The public demands much of the teacher, and rightly so. It grudgingly doles out to him a pitiable salary and in return expects him to be a paragon of industry and civic virtue. It exercises censorship over his every act and demands that all of them conform with all the proprieties of life. It expects him to be a worker in the Sunday school and church, a leader in the social world; a power in a political capacity and a general utility engineer to run the machinery of the whole world. Of course the teacher does not succeed in all of these capacities, but he is a very important factor for service and usefulness and is the fifth wheel in the affairs of the Nation.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL FACTS *of* INTEREST

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So closely identified with the life of the community are the public institutions of learning that any facts of importance concerning them ought to be of great public interest. No intelligent citizen will even attempt to deny the fact that the maintenance of the public school system is the first duty and final hope of the Nation. This being true, it is evident that any exposition of facts showing whether or not the people of a community are doing their whole duty toward the support and encouragement of their schools should be of vital importance.

In the beginning it may be embarrassing and humiliating for the intelligent colored people to know that the proud and prosperous city of Memphis suffers greatly in comparison with the other large cities of the South in respect to the cause of public education among the colored people. In proportion to their great school population the per cent of enrollment in the colored public schools of Memphis



is said to be the lowest in the South. By referring to the statistics prepared for the Board of Education of the city of Memphis for the year 1908 it may be seen that the scholastic population of the colored people is 22,585, while the total enrollment in the colored public schools is 5,350. By the simple process of division we find that the per cent of enrollment is 23.68, per cent or less than one-fourth of the school population. What do these figures signify? They show that not quite one child out of four colored children of school age attends the public schools of Memphis and that for some cause the other three children are deprived of this greatest privilege of youthful life. In our opinion this is a serious condition of affairs. Where is the vast army of more than 17,000 children of our race? What per cent of them is forced by circumstances to stay out of school and what per cent of them is not? Where are they? It is apparent to any observing mind that they are not, as a whole, engaged in gainful employment, for the sections of the city where they live are teeming with thousands of them growing up in idleness and in crime. It is not our right to presume that the parents of this host of children are not doing their whole duty, but according to our feeble understanding there is something radically wrong, and it is the duty of those in leadership and authority among our people to sound the clarion notes of warning in order that they may be aroused to the danger of the situation and throttle the monster of indifference whose deadly tentacles hold them in their unyielding embrace.

Since the regular organization of the colored High School in the year of 1890 it has graduated over two hundred students, and nearly forty per cent of the teachers employed in the city schools of Memphis are either graduates of this school or students who received all of their training in this same school. One of its graduates is now the honored principal of Porter School, and his successful management of this school is creditable alike to himself and to his Alma Mater.

Seventeen male teachers are employed either as principals or subordinate teachers in the colored schools of Memphis.

## *The* YOUNG PEOPLE *of* OUR RACE

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In the very beginning of this article we freely admit that we are profoundly interested in the progress and future welfare of our race. A relationship of twenty-five years in the school room, endeavoring to do the best we could to promote the welfare of our young people ought to be sufficient proof of at least a passing regard. It is an admitted fact that the future of any race depends upon the intelligence and character of its young people. If they be trained in habits of industry, economy, sobriety, thrift and uprightness of character a foundation will be laid on which to build a great people.

We desire to say emphatically that it is our firm belief that the parents themselves are largely responsible for the character of their children. If the parents are not responsible we are sorely perplexed to know the ones that are responsible. The sacred privilege of bringing the young people into the world has been conferred by Providence upon their parents, and this privilege carries with it the serious responsibility of parents exhausting every means in their power to bring their children up in the way that they would have them to go.

In these degenerate days there is a great deal of criticism and censure heaped upon the head of the "Young Negro." Seldom is there heard a single expression in praise of the "Young Negro." Men who are perfectly rational and mild in their discussion of any other subject become frenzied and hysterical when discussing the faults and weaknesses of the "Young Negro." They can see not a single virtue in the young negro and seemingly would as soon consign the young negro's soul to perdition as they would try to rescue it from such a terrible fate. Why this eternal criticism of the young negro? Is it productive of any good? Does it encourage and stimulate him to become a useful citizen and an ornament to our social institutions? We have serious doubts to the contrary. In our opinion, instead of wailing and gnashing our teeth and pouring out the vials of our wrath on the heads of the young negroes because they fail to measure up to the requirements of American life, we should hold up to censure the parents for having failed to do their duty in rearing their children. So far as the life of the child is concerned the parent has it in his power to mold it as complete and



as beautiful as the sculptor molds the inanimate mass of clay into a semblance of life and beauty. The parent is the great central orb around which the family system must revolve and if for a moment this centre loses its attraction the whole family system will fly off into space and become disordered and deranged. The parent can no more shift the responsibilities of his exalted trust to the shoulders of others than he can commit to other hands the salvation of his own soul. It is just as easy to make the roaring cataract of Niagara reverse its course or to bail out the ocean with a spoon.

We cheerfully admit that the young people of our race are burdened with some very serious faults of commission and omission. We admit that many of them are shiftless and worthless. We know that they suffer in comparison with the white youth, but all of these conditions wherein they are shown to disadvantage are within the range of reasonable explanation. The white child is born amidst an entirely different environment from the average colored child. In its veins is the rich legacy of thousands of years of civilization. Its parents are people of education and culture. Why should the child not partake of its surroundings? In early life the white child is brought up in an atmosphere of business. It has direct access to the counting house and his youthful ears hear nothing but the jingle of the dollar and the stories of successful business adventures. Why should it not partake of its surroundings? In infancy the white child is taught the value of honesty, thrift, industry and all the cardinal virtues. Why should it not profit from its teachings? Contrast the fate of the colored child and every fair-minded and reasonable man can account for the difference in the young people of the two races.

All the young people of the Negro race are not shiftless and worthless. The majority of them are industrious. The number of loiterers and idlers around the public places is a mere bagatelle in comparison with the great industrial army that keeps the wheels of progress turning. It is gratifying to say that on the streets of Memphis any day may be seen a score of laboring men to a single spider-legged dude. There are thousands of energetic young men of our race that in a quiet, unostentatious way are doing their whole duty as citizens and measuring up to every requirement of American life. Their names are not published in the newspapers to be scattered far and wide for the plaudits of the multitude, but their efforts are productive of everlasting good. Notwithstanding the inequalities of life the ambitious young colored man asks for no special favors. He

is willing to take his chances with all other American citizens. He wants only an even break and then, relying upon the providence of God, the young man of color will do the rest.

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### **THE COLORED MAN AS A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE.**

The government of the United States makes little or no discrimination against capable colored men in its appointments to positions of public trust and responsibility. In the Civil Service department the number of colored employes constitutes one-ninth of the whole official list. In the whole country there are about six thousand colored employes drawing out of the federal treasury a sum in excess of eight millions of dollars per annum. In the city of Washington alone nearly three thousand colored officials are in the classified service.

A majority of the colored employes are in the postoffice department of the government, but gradually all the other departments are receiving their quota. About seven years ago the first colored girl was appointed to a position in the bureau of engraving and her appointment at that time created some comment; now there are two hundred colored employes in the same bureau.

Certain political positions of great importance are, by the common consent of both parties, conceded to the colored people. The Register of the Treasury is Hon. Wm. T. Vernon, whose salary is \$4,000 per annum. His signature is necessary to give validity to the money of the United States. The assistant Register of the Treasury is Hon. Cyrus F. Adams, whose salary is \$2,500 per annum.

The Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia is Hon. John C. Dancey, whose salary is \$4,000 per annum. Mr. Ralph W. Tyler is Auditor in the Navy Department and receives \$4,000 per annum. It is no uncommon occurrence in the country at large to find colored men receiving over \$2,500 per annum. The government of the United States gives to the colored man the greatest opportunity for official honor and this honor carries with it a compensation commensurate with the honor.

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### **A COLORED GIRL THE CHAMPION SPELLER.**

In the summer of 1908 the National Educational Association convened in annual session at Cleveland, Ohio. Among the many attractions was a competitive spelling match, open to all the city school systems of the United States. The test consisted of one hundred written words and two hundred and fifty oral words. As is



usually the case the match was carried out amidst much excitement and finally concluded with a tie between a white girl and a brilliant colored girl of Cleveland—Miss Bessie Bolden—both of whom received perfect marks.

When the result was announced to the expectant and excited audience it was received with tumultuous cheers, and the colored girl that had so creditably maintained the intellectual power of her race was given an ovation. This well-merited and unusual honor demonstrates the fact that in the domain of excellence there is no color-line and that high intellectual and moral endowment is blind to race or previous conditions.

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## SECRET SOCIETIES AMONG *the* COLORED PEOPLE

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Much has been said both in the spirit of criticism and in the spirit of praise concerning the relation of secret societies to the welfare of the colored people. Some consider secret societies the most dangerous foe to the progress, of the colored race, while others consider them an institution of great and lasting benefit. In our judgment it is possible that the advocates on one side and the critics on the other side both may fail to do full justice to the subject in question.

It is our opinion that secret societies have done much good among the colored people and that they will ultimately be in position to do even greater good as soon as the principles underlying them are more generally studied and better understood. Our people are said to be a difficult people to unite. It is said that our natural inclination is in the direction of disaffection, antagonism, and strife. If these assertions be true, we know no institution more necessary to the welfare of our race than the one that teaches and practices the doctrine of brotherly unity and love. The Church of God is the ideal institution that teaches and practices this great principle and next to the church the secret societies seem most emphatic in instilling this doctrine.

Some people emphatically condemn secret societies on the ground that they furnish unlimited opportunities for official corruption and graft. It is possible that in connection with secret societies there may be some graft but, an active, intelligent membership can reduce

graft and every form of official corruption to a minimum. Moreover there are very few institutions or conditions in life in which there is no opportunity for graft. This is an age of graft; it is everywhere. It is in the halls of legislation; it is said to be even in the sanctuaries of God; and if, perchance, there should be graft in connection with secret societies this fact does not make them a particle worse than other institutions affording similar opportunity.

Many of the bad features formerly connected with secret societies have been remedied. The men in authority now are more capable and business-like in the performance of their duties. The members are more intelligent than formerly and thus cannot be so readily imposed upon. They are more able to look after their interests and hold their leaders to a stricter accountability for their official acts.

There is at present no great crusade being waged against secret societies, and it is probable that they are stronger than ever before in their hold on the affections of all classes of people. Thousands of the most intelligent and most influential members of the colored race are affiliating with fraternities and their active participation in the work has no doubt raised secret societies in the estimation of many who formerly regarded them with suspicion and disfavor.

The ideas and methods of secret societies have changed for the better in the past few years. Formerly a great deal of stress was put upon fantastic grips, mysterious hand shakes and incomprehensible pass words. There was not exercised such a careful discrimination in the admission of members. The paramount idea seems to have been the caring for the sick and the burying of the dead. They have greatly improved upon the old order of things and have tried to keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age. At this time nearly all the secret societies maintain an endowment department which guarantees a certain sum of money to the relatives of the deceased member in addition to the usual allowance for burial. This feature enables secret societies to compete successfully with life insurance companies for the patronage of the colored people. It makes it possible for the fraternities to throw the strong arm of protection around the widows and orphans and shield them from the cold and unsympathetic charity of the world. It is a form of practical charity that means more than honeyed words of sympathy. Kind words mollify our feelings, but they don't provide food and clothing for our bodies, and money for the rent man's pocket.



Secret societies have absorbed rational business ideas. They are not now contented to rent their halls; they prefer to own them.

The fraternities are becoming more and more like sensible business men. They are not hoarding in banks vast sums of money to invest in coffins and burial paraphernalia, but they are investing their moneys in business enterprises and in the accumulation of real estate. The Odd Fellows have made commendable progress in this particular respect. They have not, as a fraternity, slept on their opportunities, but they have had wide open eyes and have taken advantage of the main chance. The handsome three-story structure on S. Fourth street, their valuable real estate investments on Beale street and their large farming interests in the country are evidences of their material growth more substantial than mere words. The Masonic Fraternity has valuable real estate possessions in the city, and a commodious five-story building near the corner of S. Fourth and Beale avenue, and this building is a high testimonial to their common sense and business sagacity.

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## HOW TO SAFEGUARD *the* WELFARE of OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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The welfare of our young people is of paramount importance, for if the colored people desire to lay the foundation for a truly great race they must look well to the character of their young people. There is nothing that affects the character of an individual more than environment. Evil communications corrupt good manners. This is the declaration of Holy Writ and cannot be successfully contradicted. Therefore it is of first importance that parents regulate the companionship of their children; for if they are permitted to associate freely with reckless and depraved characters, it is not difficult to predict what will befall them.

Very few young people that have unlimited privilege to go and come at pleasure and to do as they please ever come to anything but grief. Youth is not the period of discretion and judgment and young people cannot be depended upon to act with mature judgment in matters pertaining to their welfare. There must be some one to regulate their conduct and action. They cannot be trusted to do what is best for their good.

To a great extent the character of an individual may be judged by his associates. A person seldom finds pleasure in the companion-

ship of people whose tastes, inclinations and habits are entirely foreign to his own. If a young person prefers the companionship of reckless persons it is more than likely that he is inclined to journey the wrong road of life. Therefore the welfare of our young people may be safeguarded by carefully regulating the character of their companionship.

Obedience is Heaven's first law, and the slightest deviation from it on the part of the young people will be attended with disaster. Most parents lose control over their children when the children are babies and seldom afterwards do they succeed in regaining their control. It is a mistake for parents to love their children so well that they are unwilling to make their children obey. Children are not cherubs just from Heaven, but they are very much earthly in their nature. They have their wild fits of passion and frenzy just as older people and clench and double up their tiny fists with all the pugnacity of a prize fighter. If this inclination of willfulness is not checked at the earliest possible moment the willful child will become the willful and unmanageable adult. We have seen children under such poor control that they would even laugh at their parents when ordered to obey. No child should be considered too good to be restrained and punished and put into the right path of duty, and if the parent fails to command the obedience of his child he is simply rearing it up for the penitentiary or the gallows.

We can safeguard the welfare of our young people by trying to make their home life pleasant and happy. A happy home is the only real home; an unhappy home is merely a dungeon in which blighted hope and cruel disappointment dwell. The home of children should not be a place for warring gladiators to contest for supremacy; it should not be a place for cat and dog fights between the parents; it should not be a place for demoralizing conduct on the part of any member of the family. It should be a place where happiness and joy reign supreme. The outside world may be jarred by violence and tumult, but the home should be sacred from such an intrusion.

Our young people's welfare may be safeguarded by keeping vigilance as to their whereabouts. Half the time some parents do not know where their children are. A parent can not be responsible for the conduct of his children unless they are under his immediate personal supervision at all times. No other person is capable of caring more for the welfare of children than their parents and no other person will more carefully see to it that the actions of the children conform to the proprieties and decencies of social life. Children



should not be given too much privilege. A man's own roof is a castle to his own family, while another man's roof may be its destruction and ruin.

The welfare of our young people may be safeguarded by keeping them in school until they acquire an education sufficient to enable them to make their own way in life. Education is a power for usefulness and should be the priceless possession of every youth in the land.

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## DOES *the* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGE *the* PATRIOTISM of *the* COLORED PERSON?

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In a preceding article the general government was complimented for the fact that little or no discrimination is used in the appointment of capable colored citizens to positions of trust and responsibility. We may also state that in the Federal Courts the colored man is given justice. The colored people highly appreciate the political honors conferred upon their honored representatives. They are gratified beyond power of expression for the just administration of the law, but they have never been sure of the desire of the United States government to stimulate and encourage the patriotism of the colored people. In other words: Is the treatment of the colored citizen by the General Government such as would encourage him at any time, if necessary, to shed his life's blood for his country?

After calm and mature deliberation we have come to the conclusion that the United States government does not sufficiently encourage the patriotism of its colored citizens. It is true that the colored man has always been a loyal citizen and a true patriot. Even when a mere chattel he was willing to pour out his blood like water in defense of the honor of the old flag. This being the case, it may be concluded that the patriotism of the colored man is so intense that it needs no encouragement and that whatever the Government may do affecting his interests as a citizen of this country will not alienate his devotion from the old flag. In this we think the powers that run the Government are sadly in error.

The colored man has become a thinking man. Education has unfolded his faculties and enlarged his vision to such an extent that he does not blindly follow the idols of former days. He still loves

the old flag and clings to it with true devotion, but he is not unmindful of the fact that the old flag does not guarantee to every American citizen equal protection at home and abroad. If the patriotic feeling of the colored American has abated it is because he is thoroughly convinced that the old flag does not symbolize the same rights and privileges for him that it symbolizes for others. The thoughtful colored man has come to the conclusion that the government for which he imperilled his life has become luke-warm in its appreciation of his patriotic services; that it regards him with cool indifference and considers him a burden too great for the Nation to carry. These reflections have caused the colored American's patriotism to wane and it is now very difficult to convince him why he should sacrifice his life's blood for the Nation that treats his rights with such cool indifference. He is not now so willing to offer up himself as a living sacrifice upon the altar of his country. Indeed, he is not sure that he is not a man without a country.

The other races in this country cannot fully understand the feeling of uncertainty that fills the breast of the colored citizen with respect to the attitude of the general Government toward him. The general Government does not tell him exactly that he is not wanted, but existing conditions show to him more effectively than words that the Government really feels that it can get along very well without his services.

We have tried to think of some systematic effort on the part of the Government to encourage the patriotism of the colored man, but we have not succeeded in doing so. No colored applicant is now admitted either to the Military Academy at West Point, or the Naval Academy at Annapolis. These two institutions are the main centers whence comes the military strength that would fortify the Nation in the time of war and they are sources of perpetual patriotic inspiration. It is also common report that the Government does not encourage the enlistment of the colored man in the United States army.

Possibly the most deadly blow struck at the patriotism of the colored man was the hasty and summary discharge of the veteran colored soldiers at Brownsville, Texas. We know nothing of the merits of this lamentable affair. The Chief Executive of the Nation in whom is vested mighty power, may have been right in the action taken, but right or wrong, he struck a death blow not only to the patriotism of the colored soldiers thus ignominiously discharged, but to the patriotism of the whole race. It showed to the colored people



of the whole country more effectively than any other occurrence in its history how utterly indifferent to the race's feelings the Government of the United States really is. The idea of inflicting such hasty and summary punishment upon men who had so long upheld the honor of the Nation was looked upon with unspeakable indignation by the whole race. If there be such a thing as mercy in the American heart; if there be such a thing as true Christianity in the heart of the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, it should have been exercised toward those veteran soldiers involved in the Brownsville affair. The spirit of mercy and not of condign punishment should have been meted out to them. The spirit of the age is humane and not Draconian and should be exercised toward the colored man as freely as toward any other American citizen. His disadvantages in the race of life should invite the hand of compassion instead of chastisement. The President could have meted out less summary punishment, maintained discipline in the army, placated the feelings of the outraged citizens of Texas, and at the same time retained the affection, loyalty and patriotism of the whole colored race.

It is probable that the Government of the United States may think that it can get on without the strong, patriotic arm of the colored man. No government is stronger than its weakest citizen, for it takes the weak and the strong alike to uphold the power of the Nation. No man at present is so wise that he can guarantee that in the future of this country no crisis will arise that will demand the united action and undying patriotism of every citizen in it. In this era of blessed peace and general prosperity this country may do without the patriotism of the colored man, but who can say that in the next decade or in the next year the Tocsin of War will not sound and demand every citizen, black and white alike, to shoulder his musket in order to maintain the honor of the Nation. There was a time in the history of this country, and history has a strange way of repeating itself.

This Nation should not forget its duty to all its loyal citizens, irrespective of race or color. Its motto should be freedom and equal opportunity for all men. This Nation should not forget that the stone the builders once rejected became the head of the corner.

## *The* KIND of EDUCATION *for* COLORED PEOPLE

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The particular kind of education for the colored people of this country is the most discussed question that agitates the public mind. Even men that have no education themselves and not a single, rational, intelligent idea on any question involving the welfare of society, arrogate to themselves the power of knowing just the character of the education the colored people should have in order to make them fit into their proper place in the complex system of American life. It must not be forgotten that the great country of America is a democracy in name only and has as much caste distinction in it as there is among the Hindoos of India. This being the case, it becomes necessary to prepare every individual for his particular place that he may properly fit in it.

The question of the colored man in this country is a fruitful and never-ending theme of discussion. It is the literary and oratorical inspiration of every demagog on the political stage and the refuge for every man that has exhausted his stock of argument on all other questions. We have wondered what some of these great statesmen would do if they were deprived of this great subject on which to explicate their political dogmas and platitudes and fulminate their wrath; and we believe that the colored people are entitled to a liberal pension from those who have so long used them for their political aggrandizement.

As to the character of the education for colored people, the general opinion outside of the race is, that it should be of the most rudimentary character and particularly along the line of industrial and agricultural training so that they may be well prepared for the exigencies of that life which God and Nature seem to have decreed for them to live. From their standpoint God has created the colored man to live a purely agricultural and domestic life, and they think that his education should be along this line.

We do not subscribe to the belief that the Almighty, in his infinite power and mercy, has restricted the power of the colored man to any particular sphere in life. We do not believe that any man should be educated according to the color of his skin. We do not believe that he should be given an education distinctively different



from the usual broad American education which seeks to develop and strengthen the whole man. A purely industrial training would make a man as one-sided in his development as a purely mental training; if the race is to receive an ideal training it should combine them both. Moreover, no one man is prepared to say just what the character of another man's education should be. It is arrogance and presumption for any feeble mortal to claim such power. No human being is infallible and he is more liable to err concerning matters and conditions involving people of different races in the discussion of which some bias or prejudice is natural. A man of a different race from Frederick Douglass might have decreed that because of his color his powers should have been restricted to the cotton plantation. There is no intelligent man that knows of the matchless ability of Mr. Douglass that does not believe that it would have been a calamity to have restricted his wonderful talents to such circumscribed and lowly limits.

There is seldom a broad and fair discussion of the question of the education of the colored man. The discussion is usually influenced by selfish motives and the views advocated are not so much to promote the general welfare as to promote the personal interests of the party concerned. There is hardly a farmer in the South that does not think that the best training for the colored people is along the line of agriculture. In the days preceding the Civil War the colored man was trained for a carpenter, a blacksmith, or engineer, in order that he might better subserve the interests of his master; and thus it is today that each separate interest that thinks that it can, to advantage, use the colored man's services, believes that the colored man should be educated along that particular line.

It is often said that the moneys that have been spent for the higher education of the colored people in this Southland have been wasted. We have serious doubts of the correctness of this statement. It all depends upon the view point. No money that makes it possible for the minds and souls of immortal beings to be developed for power and usefulness can be said to have been squandered. The moneys that have been spent for the education of the colored people have been the most profitable investment that the Nation has ever made and has earned in the form of honest, intelligent and respected citizenship a dividend of which the Nation need not be ashamed. No doubt this Southland has spent millions upon top of millions for the education of the colored people during the last forty years, but at the same time the people of this Southland should not forget that

these same millions were heaped up in the coffers of this Southland by the sweat and blood of the colored people for nearly two and a half centuries. This Southland has not bankrupted itself because of the liberal allowance it has made for the education of the colored people. It has done no more than its Christian duty for the race whose toil and sweat made this Southland rich beyond the dream of avarice. Surely the noble people of this Southland do not begrudge the moneys they have spent for the education of the poor and despised people that served them so long and faithfully, both in peace and in war. Surely the good white people of the South have not forgotten the loyalty and fidelity of the colored people in the darkest days of the Civil War, when they remained at home on the plantations of the South and at the risk of their lives protected the lives and fortunes of the white women and children committed to their care and not in a single instance did they betray their righteous trust. Common gratitude alone on the part of the good white people of the South would bestow upon the colored people lasting appreciation and honor.

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### **THE SOLVENT SAVINGS BANK OF MEMPHIS.**

In the summer of 1906 the first banking institution under the exclusive ownership and management of the colored people of Memphis was incorporated and started out on its happy mission of fostering the business interests and looking after the commercial needs of the people of Memphis. The organization of this bank was a new departure in the business experience of the colored people and its probable success was fraught with a certain degree of apprehension, both on the part of the enterprising promoters of the bank and the well-wishers of the race in general.

In the matter of business daring and commercial conquest the colored people have had little experience. They often lack the spirit of confidence in their business ability and thus often sleep for years on enterprises that would not only afford them opportunities for the display of talents of the highest order along the line of business, but would bring to them great financial rewards.

In this volume it is not necessary to relate how anxious the promoters of this first banking institution were to gain public confidence; how solicitous they were to merit the patronage of their people, and how carefully from the very beginning they tried to safeguard the



interests of the depositors. Suffice it to say that the bank in question has slowly and surely gained the confidence of the people. Its methods have been conservative and safe. No wild speculation or rainbow chasing for wealth has been indulged in by the management. Its methods are along the line of legitimate business and the strong arm of security and responsibility is placed around every dollar of the moneys intrusted to its care.

The real, infallible test of the security of a bank is in the time of great financial depression and panic. The people of the whole country experienced such a crisis not long ago, when scores of great banking houses throughout the country closed their doors and brought disaster and financial ruin to thousands. Those were the days that tried men's souls. At this time money practically passed out of circulation and cashier's checks and other temporary expedients were resorted to, to relieve the situation. The leading banks of Memphis limited greatly the amount of money to be withdrawn by the depositors, and the savings banks were deaf to the pleadings of their irate depositors. In this connection it is gratifying to state that the depositors of the Solvent Savings Bank experienced no difficulty in obtaining all moneys wanted for their immediate needs. It was one of the very few banks in Memphis that did not take advantage of the banking laws in order to play hide and seek with the money of the depositors. It came out of this great storm uninjured and stronger than ever before. It stood, like the Rock of Gibraltar, unharmed by the great waves of the financial panic which beat so relentlessly against its very foundation.

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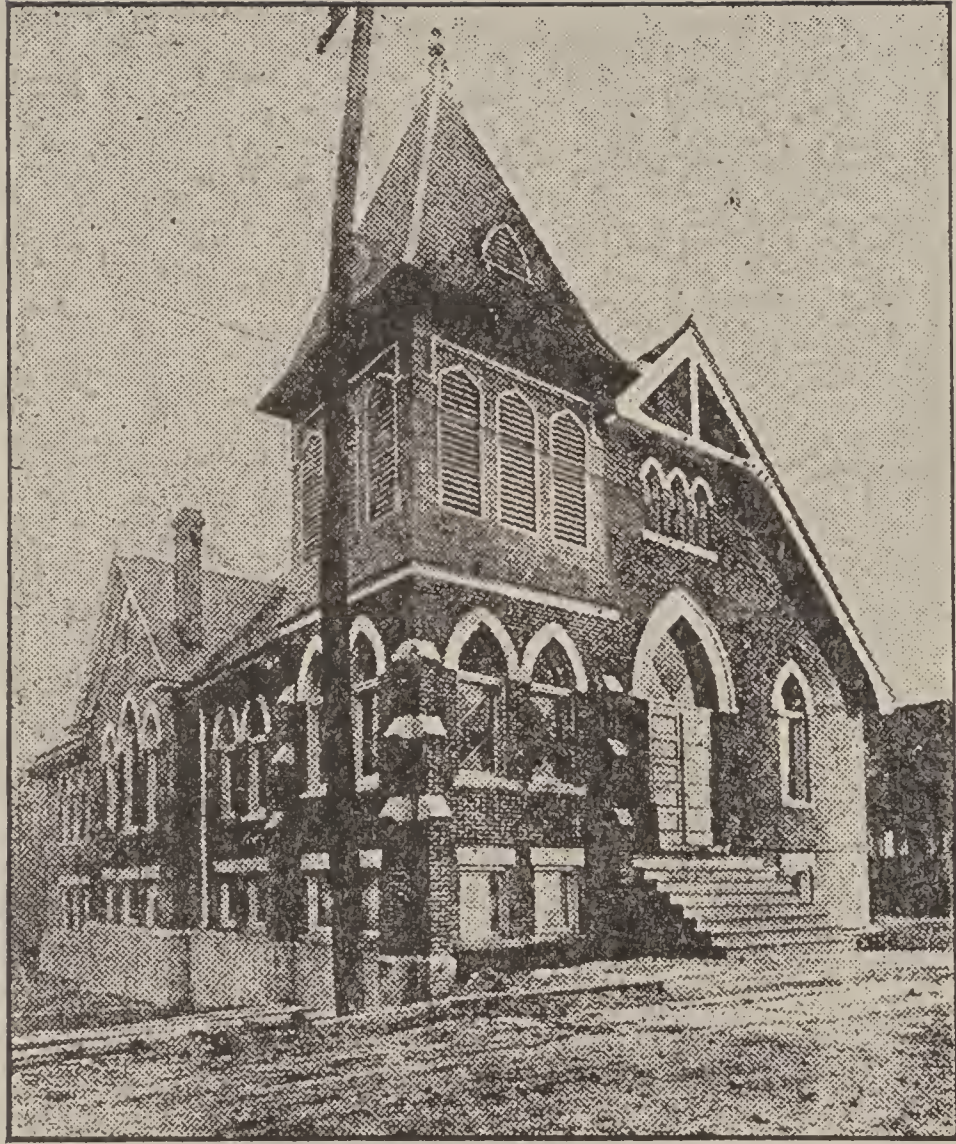
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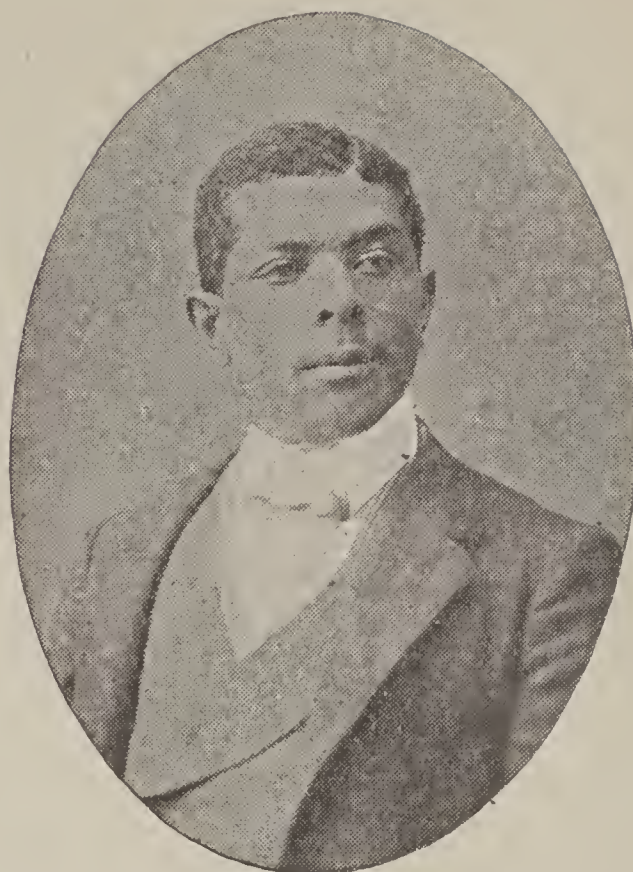
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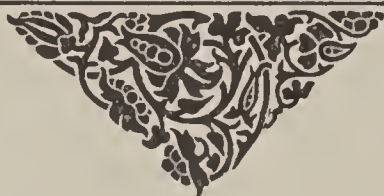
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## Banks *and* Bankers

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R. R. CHURCH.

The honored president of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company of Memphis, Tenn., is Mr. R. R. Church, Sr. He is without doubt the wealthiest colored man in the state of Tennessee, and probably in the United States. He is the owner of over a hundred substantial buildings in the city of Memphis alone, not taking into consideration his many other valuable real estate possessions in other large cities. His many elegant and substantial buildings in Memphis are not only a monument to his untiring industry, ceaseless perseverance, and proverbial thrift, but they are an enduring monument to his genius as an architect and civil engineer. All of his buildings have been planned by him and built under his personal supervision, and their substantial construction and finished appearance show the workings of a master mind. If Mr.

Church's life work had been cast in the line of architecture and civil engineering he would have contested supremacy with the foremost architects and civil engineers of the age. He is endowed with a natural gift for building, and his genius in this capacity has been marvelously shown in the transformation that has been wrought in the work of beautifying his park on Beale avenue. Many years ago, when he purchased that convenient site of several acres in the heart of the city of Memphis, it was not even dreamed by the most optimistic citizen what a wonderful change was possible to be wrought in a section possessing so many natural disadvantages. And what he has really accomplished in this direction would have baffled the ingenuity of any other man.

Mr. Church is a man of remarkable foresight. He has the happy faculty



of seeing for years in advance of their coming possibilities and conditions that an ordinary mind could not see the day before their arrival. He was one of the very few colored citizens of the early days of Memphis succeeding the Civil War that had the breadth of vision to foresee the wonderful possibilities of the city of Memphis as a home for colored people, and to take advantage of those prosperous times in order to lay the foundation for a competency in life. Others of our race had equal opportunities with Mr. Church, but they were not endowed with the foresight to prepare for the future and many of them are now in a state of poverty instead of affluence.

Contrary to popular idea, Mr. Church was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He was of humble origin and had none of the advantages which birth and opportunity have the power to confer. He is strictly the moulder of his own fortune. His energy, foresight and thrift alone have gained for him the proud distinction of being the wealthiest colored man in America.

Mr. Church is a man of integrity and honor and no citizen of Memphis can impeach his veracity. His word passes in the marts of commerce as readily as a gold bond of the United States government, and his credit is second to that of no other man in Memphis. His real estate possessions are probably the most widely scattered of any other real estate owner of Memphis, and his wealth is popularly estimated to be considerably in excess of a half million of dollars.

Great as Mr. Church is considered because of his enormous wealth, he is, in the writer's humble judgment, greater still because of the high character of his children and the beauty of his home life; for it is seldom the lot of man to be the father of four such children of promise and eminence, and no man

could wish a greater monument to his memory than the exemplary character and worthy lives of his devoted children.

The eldest of the children is Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, of Washington, D. C., unquestionably the best known, the brainiest, and most influential colored woman in America. She enjoyed every advantage that the great wealth and love of her father could bestow. She is a graduate of Oberlin University, and took post graduate courses in some of the leading universities of Europe. She is a ripe scholar and a great linguist, and an orator of national prominence. She is happily married and is the estimable wife of Judge Robert H. Terrell, a graduate of Brown University, and a justice of the District of Columbia.

The next eldest of the children is Mr. Ayers Church, of New York City, a prominent member of the New York bar and a valuable attache of the Municipal courts. The next of the children in point of age is Mr. R. R. Church, Jr., of this city. The youngest of the children is Miss Annette Church, a student in one of the leading American colleges and a young woman of fine intellect and brilliant promise. It is our humble judgment that it is just as great an honor to be the father of such a distinguished family as it is to have the honor of being the richest colored man in America.

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#### R. R. CHURCH, JR.

Wealth has its disadvantages as well as its advantages, and one of its great disadvantages is its baleful effects upon the children of rich parents. It is an axiom in social life that the children of wealthy parents seldom amount to anything that is worthy; that they prefer a life of ease and luxury instead of a life of strenuous and useful activity. The life of Mr. R. R. Church, Jr., is a

happy exception to this rule, for he is a veritable chip off the old block in every worthy respect. He bears a good name and one of which any young man may well be proud. He is deservedly popular with all classes and a general favorite with young and old. He knows the full value of the American dollar and plants away for safe keeping every dollar that comes his way. He has had every educational advantage, and is a young man of fine business training. He has an old head on young shoulders and has inherited much of his father's business sagacity. In the natural course of time he will succeed his worthy sire as the wealthiest colored man in America.

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#### S. S. BROWN.

Prominently identified with the educational and business interests of Memphis is Mr. S. S. Brown, one of the leading teachers of Memphis and a stockholder in the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company. No other young man has ever before located in Memphis and in such a short time made such phenomenal success along all lines. For years he was one of the leading teachers of the state of Mississippi. He is a graduate of Alcorn University, and a gentleman of unusual training and experience. He has been connected with the public schools of Memphis for several years and has qualified himself for the highest honors connected with the schools. He is a close student and has taken advantage of every opportunity to cultivate and strengthen his mind. He is a live, energetic and enterprising man and has merited success in more than one field of activity. Since coming to Memphis he has gained considerable prominence in financial affairs and is rated highly in the same. He has accumulated some valuable property and his wealth is popularly estimated to be in excess of \$6,000. He has been elected cashier of

the proposed Pythian Bank and Trust Company, and when this bank becomes a reality he will assume that honor and be well prepared to fill it with credit.

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#### W. E. MOLLISON.

Mr. Mollison is so well known that no extended sketch of him is necessary in this publication. He is one of the leading lawyers of the state of Mississippi, and is identified with the various interests of that state as probably no other colored man. He is one of its leading bankers, one of its best known fraternity men and one of its ablest and most highly respected citizens. The name of Mollison is a lodestone throughout the state, and is calculated to make everybody sit up and take notice.

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#### T. H. BUSBY.

Mr. Busby is a wealthy planter of the state of Mississippi, and is widely and favorably known for his enterprise, business success, and hospitality. He is a pleasant and congenial man and enjoys great popularity among his friends.

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#### A. E. CLOUSTON.

Mr. Clouston is a member of the famous Clouston family, which was always prominent in the affairs of Memphis because of their enterprise and great wealth. His father was a free-man in ante-bellum days. He was a shrewd and sagacious business man, endowed with great foresight, and in those early days laid the foundation of a great fortune. Mr. Clouston has inherited the bulk of his fortune and has shown himself to be a man of splendid business capacity. He has inherited his father's shrewdness and has shown himself to be equal to the demands of such a great fortune.



**L. C. MOORE.**

It is the fortune of some men to be known and appreciated by everybody. It is, also, the luck of some men to be engaged in many different enterprises and to be successful in each. Such is the happy experience of Mr. Moore, the subject of this sketch. The name Moore ought to be "More" in order to express more properly his disposition for engaging in a multitude of various affairs. He is a man of great business capacity and unusual intelligence and has succeeded in everything that he has ever attempted. There is in Memphis no line of activity or enterprise in which he is not engaged. He is most prominently connected with Sunday school and church work, and for years has been president of the State Sunday School Convention. He is one of our leading fraternity men, and in this respect his good name and ability have been the open sesame to success and honor. He is proprietor of the well-known Bridge Restaurant on Poplar avenue, and this fact, no doubt, accounts for his generous physical proportions. We are sure that his devoted and estimable wife sees to it that he is a well-fed man. He is a fine man and deserves, not only what success he has already achieved, but whatever success may await him in the future.

**H. H. PACE.**

The cashier of this well-known banking institution is Mr. H. H. Pace, formerly of Atlanta, Ga. He is a young man thoroughly equipped for such a responsible position, and the directors of this bank are to be congratulated for the wisdom they displayed in making such a selection. The position of cashier of a bank is one of great trust and responsibility, and the one filling such a position should have every qualification, moral and intellectual, for such an ex-

alted position. These qualities Mr. Pace has in the superlative degree. He is one of the best educated men in the country, and before succeeding to the cashiership of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company he was a member of the faculty of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Missouri, the leading institution for the education of colored youth. Though he was receiving a princely salary for his services, he resigned his position with this institution to accept his present position with the bank. Instead of following the life of a school teacher he thought that the greatest opportunity for business achievement and financial success is in commercial life. So he did not hesitate to accept the position when it was tendered him. He is an alumnus of Atlanta University and one of its favorite sons. He is a master printer and a general all-around man. As a vocalist he is in a class by himself, and his presence in this capacity on any occasion is a guarantee that at least one number on the program will be creditably rendered. He is prominently connected in fraternity circles, and is the grand secretary of the Elks. He is a polished, cultured, affable gentleman, free from affectation and has the faculty of making friends of all.

**M. L. CLAY.**

The state of Mississippi claims for its own the honor of ushering into existence the remarkable man whose name is at the head of this sketch. It is not an exaggeration to use the term remarkable in connection with the life of Mr. Clay; for it has been filled with so many experiences of an interesting and thrilling character that no other term can do justice to him. A fraction over twenty five years ago he came to Memphis from his native state—a green, good-natured, jolly, moon-faced, country



M. L. CLAY

boy, bubbling over with youthful life and vigor. He was still a school boy and had an ambition to make a mark in life; and this ambition had been stimulated and encouraged by a devoted mother who had toiled, sacrificed and striven to provide for him every educational advantage that her circumstances could afford. He attended Le Moyne Institute for a short while and subsequently Fisk University. Anxious to do something for the uplift of his race, he resolved to try the life of a school teacher, and sought work in his native state; but the stern realities of this new life did not harmonize with his lofty conception of duty, and consequently, after a short experience under adverse conditions, he decided that he had not found his proper sphere of usefulness and laid down the rod of the pedagogue.

From his earliest youth he had a great ambition to engage in business and become one of the kings of commerce. His youthful dreams were disturbed by the

clink and jingle of the almighty dollar, and in his slumbers he tossed about in feverish pursuit of the millions that seemed to be in his reach. True to his youthful ambition he entered commercial life and engaged in the grocery business. Endowed by nature with energy, enterprise and determination to succeed, his business in a reasonable length of time began to assume great proportions, and he became the most successful merchant of color that the city of Memphis ever had, and even until this day no colored establishment has ever entirely equaled in volume of business and class of patrons that of Mr. Clay. He has been identified with many different business enterprises in Memphis, and has shown marvelous executive ability in each. It has not been his fortune to make great financial success in each of the many things that he has attempted, but he has had the satisfaction to know that his ability was equal to every test and that failure was not due to his own shortcomings. He has a mind capable of sustained effort for an indefinite length of time, and it is so comprehensive in its grasp that seemingly it can carry on a hundred details without slipping a mental cog. His financial operations have always been on a great scale for such a small place as Memphis, and his friends have long wished for a broader field in which to exploit his ceaseless energy. If he were in Wall street he would clash arms with Morgan, Harriman and other plutocrats of that street. He believes in turning money over, and he is the most adventurous financial spirit in Memphis. A hundred men of his push and enterprise in Memphis would work wonders in its material life. In strenuousness he is an ideal American citizen, and no enterprise demanding money and brains seems too great for his vaulting ambition. In every sense he has been a successful man. He has had his business adversi-



ties, but in the end he has come out more than conqueror. He has been liberal to a fault, but the bread that he cast on the water has always been returned to him. In his business dealings he is scrupulously honest, and in his friendships as true as steel. Beneath his rugged exterior is a heart as tender as a woman's and a sympathy as broad as creation. He is popularly

thought to be one among the wealthiest colored citizens of Memphis. He has a commodious and elegant home on St. Paul avenue in one of the most fashionable sections of the city, and this home is presided over by a handsome and devoted wife. Mr. Clay is still growing in business life, and in course of time will realize the dreams of his youth.

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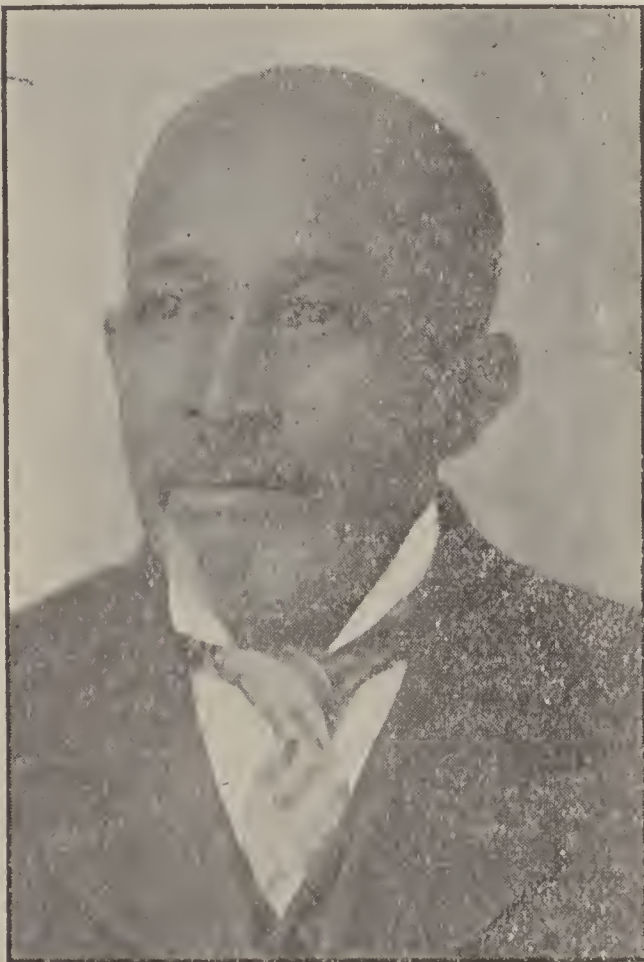
## Bank Porters

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Alexander, Isaac...South Memphis Savings Bank.

Archer, L. N. B...Security Savings Bank and Trust Co.

Baker, Henry.....State National Bank



Barnett, Wm. H...State National Bank

Mr. Barnett is one of the best known citizens of Memphis and has been connected with the commercial life of this

city for two generations. He is as much a part of Memphis as the very pavement on which the citizens walk, and enjoys a popularity that is unbounded. He is one of the oldest porters connected with the banks of Memphis, and the greatest of confidence has always been reposed in him by his employers. He has been faithful to every trust and has held the banner of race integrity high. He has had an eye single to the main chance and has accumulated considerable property in Memphis. He is a member of the undertaking firm of Carson, Barnett & Co., and his name does much to give financial stability and public confidence to this enterprising company. He belongs to a distinguished family, one of his relations being the noted lawyer Barnett, of Chicago, Mr. Barnett is little in size, but he has a big mind and has given a good account of himself in the material affairs of Memphis.

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Bentley, Wm...Manhattan Savings Bank

Mr. Bentley is one of our most popular citizens and enjoys universal respect and esteem. He is one of the oldest bank porters. He is a patron of learning and has given all of his children a good education. His eldest daughter,

Mrs. Lena Davis, is one of the best pianists in the city and his son, William Bentley, Jr., is a graduate of the law department of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Brinkley, John.....Mercantile Bank

Mr. Brinkley is a hustling, energetic, popular young man and is gradually forging to the front in every honorable way. He is true to every trust and is a splendid example of an honorable high-toned gentleman.

Butler, A. R...Central Bank and Trust Company.

Crutchfield, Wm.....Bank of Commerce  
Daniels, Prince A..First National Bank

Mr. Daniels is one of the best known citizens of Memphis, and a gentleman

noted for his many virtues. He is one of the old land marks in the banking business and no other porter has had greater confidence reposed in him. He is a Christian gentleman of the highest character and nothing better can be said of any one.

Dorsey, Percy.....The City Bank  
Doss, Albert.....Caldwell & Smith  
Guliette, R. H. B...Continental Savings Bank.

Henry, W. C....People's Savings Bank  
Jones, Walter..Germania Savings Bank  
Lewis, David..Union and Planters Bank and Trust Co.

McComb, Walter..Solvent Savings Bank  
Stegal, J. W..North Memphis Savings Bank.

Taylor, Samuel T..North Memphis Savings Bank.

Barbers

Alexander, O. V.....175 Beale

Mr. Alexander not only heads the list of tonsorial artists named in this book, but he heads the list in professional skill. He is one of the smoothest artists in the business and his patrons are always glad to return to experience again the joys of a delightful shave or the satisfaction of an up-to-date hair cut. The muscles of Mr. Alexander's hands have an automatic action and without any particular effort on the part of his brain they do the business with promptness and dispatch. All Alexanders are great men along some line. This Alexander is a great barber and the pride of the E. S. Goens' tonsorial parlor.

Anderson, Matthew.....304 Poplar  
Anderson, William ....661½ N. Second

Banks, L. W.....325½ N. Main  
Barnett, Wm. ....1328 Jackson  
Beard, L. C. ....172 S. Third

L. C. BEARD.

Bluff City Barber Shop.

All Work Guaranteed.

172 S. Third St., Memphis, Tenn.

Beck, John .....346 Beale  
Bennett, J. A. (No. 1).....281 High  
Bennett, J. A. (No. 2).....610 Jackson  
Billups, A. ....129½ Beale  
Blair, George .....245 Webster  
Bledsoe, T. H. ....325 N. Main  
Bomar, Chas. ....333 N. Main  
Bracken, Peter.....349 Beale



Mr. Bracken is a first-class tonsorial artist and has a large personal following. He is always steady, reliable and prompt in the performance of his duties and has a clientage that can get satisfaction from no other barber but him. He is a fine fellow and an Odd Fellow, too, and reflects credit upon the fraternity.

Bradley, F. L. .... 319 Beale

Mr. Bradley is a first-class barber and a great reader. He reads everything from the narration of a prize fight up to Christian Science and Predestination. He is a walking encyclopedia of useful information and can give most of the school teachers a few points on literature and science.

Bradshaw, Grant ..... 928 N. Second

Brooks, J. K. .... 310 N. Main



Brownlee, M. J. .... 348 Beale

Mr. Brownlee is a hustling, energetic young man with an eye wide open for the main chance and has gained great success in his business. His tonsorial

parlor is second to none in the city and reflects great credit on his business ability.

M. J. BROWNLEE

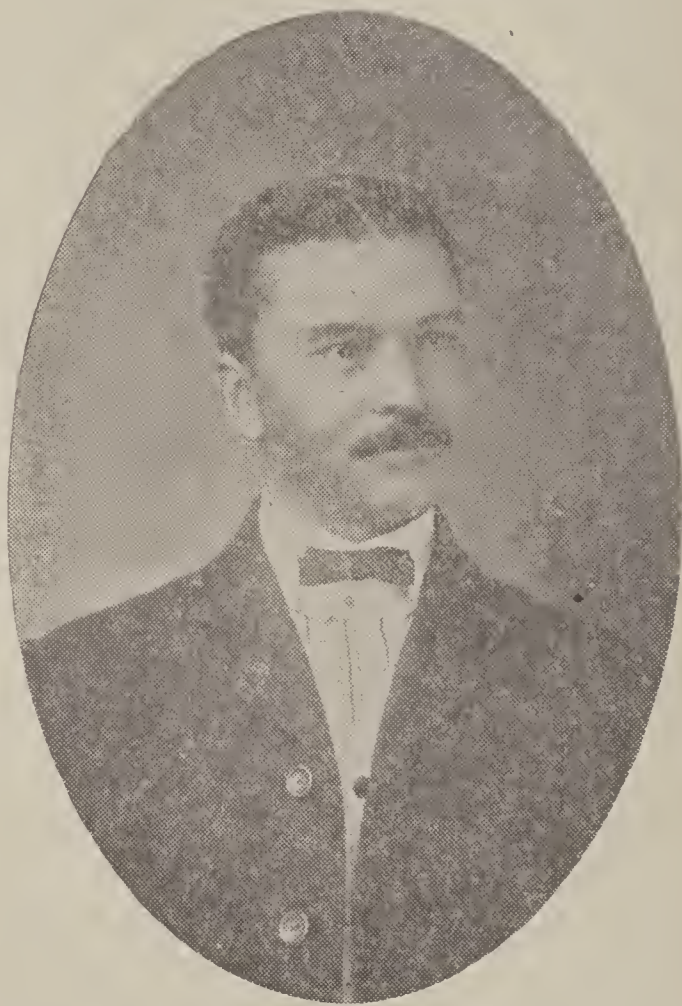
Barber Shop.

Electric Massage A Specialty.

Bath Rooms.

348 Beale Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Brown, Isaac ..... 310 N. Main



Brown, J. H. .... 319 Beale

BROWN'S BARBER SHOP,  
319 Beale Ave.

Artists: F. L. Bradley, S. J.  
Thomas, C. T. Warfield.

J. H. Brown, Proprietor,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. J. H. Brown is not only a first-class tonsorial artist but he is a very prominent fraternity man. He is one

of the chief officers of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Tennessee and is held in the highest esteem by the members of that organization. He is a worthy young man with a promising future and no doubt will be heard from creditably in more ways than one. He is Deputy State Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Master of Finance, Treasurer of Pythian Temple and Treasurer of the General Trustee Board. He was born in South Carolina and not in old Kentucky.

Brown, Pinkney .....673 N. Second  
Brown, R. T. ....341 Beale

Capt. R. T. Brown is a unique character in the history of Memphis. For years he was a leader in military circles in Memphis and in the Spanish-American war was honored with a first lieutenancy. He is one of the oldest and best known citizens of Memphis and has done much to promote the city's welfare. He has had much political experience and in every way he is amply able to take care of himself.

Byram, George .....Gaston Hotel

### GEORGE BYRAM

Tonsorial Parlor.

First Class Artists.

Gaston Hotel.

Memphis.

No other young man in his profession in Memphis has achieved greater success than Mr. Geo. Byram. He has always been industrious, energetic and thrifty and has never slept on his opportunities to provide for the proverbial rainy day. Consequently, today Mr. Byram is considered one of our wealthiest young men. He has some splendid property in the Silk Stocking district of Memphis, and is reaching out after

more. Mr. Byram is a progressive man and has contributed his share to raise the colored people in the estimation of others. His word is as good as a United States treasury note and he is a fine fellow on general principles.

Campbell, Henry .....325 N. Main  
Casey, A. L. ....261 Rayburn

A. L. CASEY.

Barber Shop.

Improved Methods. Call.

261 Rayburn. Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Casey is a versatile man and cannot easily be lost in the making of a living. Not only is he a finished barber, but he is an experienced chiropodist. He is also a prominent church man and does his share toward the spiritual welfare of the community.

Chester, C. P.....325½ N. Main  
Clay, M. L.....349 Beale

M. L. CLAY,

Tonsorial Parlor.

Electric Massage a Specialty.

Bath Rooms in Connection.

Chas. H. Givens, Mgr.

Collins, Hugh .....310 N. Main  
De Hart, Jesse .....346 Beale

JESSE DE HART,

First-Class Barber Shop.

Razors Put in Order——\*

\*——Best of Service.

346 Beale Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

The courtly-looking gentleman with the French name is not only one of the best barbers but one of the most popular citizens of Memphis. He is a good



citizen and prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity.

- Dillard, J. S.....349 Mississippi
- Draper, J. ....1020 Mississippi
- Echols, E. J. ....766 Florida
- Edwards, G. W.....328 Beale
- Fitzgerald, Horace .....253 Poplar

Razors Put in Order,  
HORACE FITZGERALD  
First-Class Barber Shop.  
Children's Hair Cutting.  
253 Poplar St.    Memphis, Tenn.

- Floyd, Wm. ....484½ S. Main
- Forwell, John .....310 N. Main
- Garner, Ralph .....42 W. Jackson Md.
- Garner, S. ....363½ N. Main
- Garner, Wm. ....42 W. Jackson Md.
- Gary, Robert L. ....690 S. Main

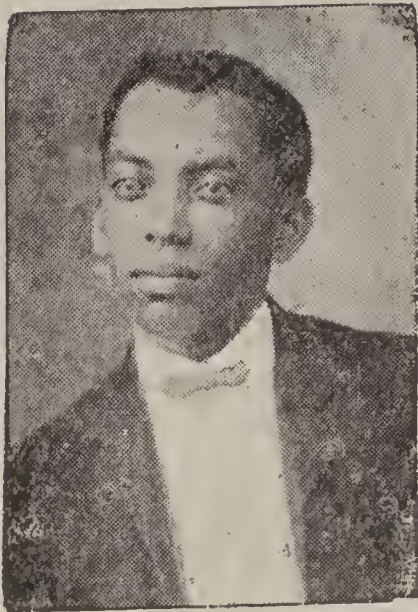
ROBERT L. GARY,  
First-Class Barber Shop.  
Everything Up-to-Date.  
690 S. Main St., Memphis.

Mr. Gary is a thorough business man and an artist in his line. He is a believer in education and demonstrated this fact by sending his daughter, Miss Elvinia Gary, to the Colored High School of Memphis until she graduated. Mr. Gary is a man that sleeps with only one eye closed.

- Gillespie, C. G.....261 Rayburn
- Gilliam, Marcus W. ....43 Wellington
- Gillum, Nicholas.....484 High

M. L. Clay Barber Shop,  
CHAS. GIVENS, MGR.  
349 Beale St.,    Memphis, Tenn.

- Givens, Chas. ....349 Beale



Mr. Givens is the experienced and popular manager of the M. L. Clay Tonsorial Parlor, and is a skilled knight of the razor. He has been the manager of this shop for several years and has contributed much to the high-class standing and popularity of this well-known establishment. Mr. Givens is an authority not only on matters pertaining to the barbers' art but on other important matters of great public pith and moment, which we may discuss in the second edition of this book. For the benefit of the readers of this book the author wishes to inform the people of Memphis that Mr. Givens is not a Frenchman, as the aristocratic curl of his mustache would indicate, but he is a plain American citizen that performs every duty with intelligence and fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

- Goens, E. S. ....175 Beale

Mr. E. S. Goens is one of our best known and most substantial citizens. As a friend he is loyal and true and as a companion he is as congenial and jovial as one can be . He has succeeded in his profession in more ways than one. He has succeeded in becoming one of its most finished artists and he has also succeeded in accumulating some

substantial property interests in Memphis. Mr. Goens is, as he looks to be, one of nature's noblemen. He is generous, obliging and kind, and no one in absolute distress is turned away without some consideration. "Handsome is he that handsome does," is the old saying; but handsome is he whom God has made so, and you can plainly see the application.



E. S. GOENS

E. S. GOENS,

Tonsorial Parlor.

First Class Artists.

175 Beale Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Artists—Charles Thomas, O. V.

Alexander, Robert Wier.

E. S. Goens, Propr.

Gordon, W. B. ....576 Washington  
 Graham, Jessie .....768½ S. Main  
 Granberry, S. L. ....906 Mosby  
 Green, Wesley .....700 Kansas  
 Hall, John .....349 Beale

Mr. John Hall is from Alabama and not from Missouri; but you have to show him just the same if you don't think that he knows his business. Mr. Hall is all right every day in the year.

Harris, G. J. ....114 Beale

## BARBER SHOP IN BASEMENT

114 Beale Ave.

First-class Service to All.  
Call and Give Us a Trial.

G. J. Harris, Mgr.

Heater, Edwin C. ....94 S. Fourth

Henry, Perry .....401 N. Main

Hicks, Arthur .....341 Beale

Higgins, Tobe .....416 Beale

## TOBE HIGGINS

Barber Shop.

Improved Methods. Call.

416 Beale Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Higgins is as good a barber as he was once a ball player and that is to say that he is one of the best in the land. Mr. Higgins was the most famous ball player ever produced among the colored people of Memphis and led the International League in fielding when a member of the famous Syracuse Stars.

Holder, W. D. ....129½ Beale

Holmes, Peter .....672 S. Orleans

Razors Put in Order——\*

PETER HOLMES,

First Class Barber Shop.

\*——Children's Hair Cutting.

672 S. Orleans St., Memphis.

Hoskins, Henry C. ....673 N. Second

Hoyle, L. H. ....341 Beale



L. H. HOYLE,  
First Class Barber Shop.  
Everything Up-to-date———o  
o———Bath in Connection.  
341 Beale Ave., Memphis.

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| Hurt, Felix    | .....768½ S. Main  |
| Jacobs, W. J.  | .....146 N. Main   |
| James, Jordan  | .....164 N. Fourth |
| Johnson, Henry | .....210 Beale     |
| Johnson, J. K. | .....348 Beale     |
| Karr, J. B.    | .....333 N. Main   |

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Professional treatment for  
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| Kelley, Henry    | .....661½ N. Second |
| Kelley, Joseph   | .....1454 Lamar     |
| Kidd, John       | .....206 Jackson    |
| Kimbrough, W. T. | .....328 Beale      |
| Lee, James       | .....727 Alma       |
| Lee, Robert      | .....64 S. Fourth   |
| Lewis, Morgan    | .....388 S. Second  |
| Marcus, Louis J. | ....391 N. Manassas |
| Martin, Arthur   | .....87 Exchange    |
| Martin, Wm E.    | .....242 Jackson    |
| Matlock, Wm.     | .....880 Florida    |
| McAroy, Hayward  | .....947 Porter     |
| McClendon, C.    | .....951 N. Second  |
| McCray, Wm.      | .....363 Court      |
| McDaniel, Daniel | .....617 Woodward   |

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| McDonald, John | .....326 Ashland |
| McDowell, J.   | .....328 Dupree  |

Mr. McDowell is an old personal friend of the writer, and is as fine a man as ever wore a brogan. As a barber he is in the first class and he has several customers that would prefer their hair to grow a foot long rather than to have any other barber but McDowell to cut it.

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| McElroy, H. W.   | .....65½ Poplar        |
| McGee, James     | .....649 S. Wellington |
| McMichael, J. E. | .....233 S. Rayburn    |

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| Montgomery, Thos. R. | ....R 213 E. Mc-<br>Lemore. |
| Moore, Benj. H.      | .....396 Monroe             |
| Moore, M. M.         | .....114 Beale              |
| Moore, Richard       | .....328 Beale              |

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Perkins, James ....87 Exchange  
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Mr. Puckett is a high-class gentleman and first-class barber. If he had not been the first he would not have won his estimable wife, and having won her, it would have been very difficult to have pleased her if he had not been the second.

Roane, Robert ....404 S. Driver  
Robertson, Collier F. ....990 Exchange  
Rogers, John .....R 762 S. Main  
Ross, Lee ....242 Jackson  
Simmons, Litt L. ....644 Beale

Simms, Emerson ....87 Exchange  
Smith, Wesley ....341 Beale  
Stephens, Thomas ....233 S. Rayburn  
Stewart, Haywood ....348 Beale  
Stewart, Wm. ....928 N. Second  
Sullivan, John ....349 Beale

Mr. Sullivan is not as large as the famous Irish pugilist of that name, but Mr. Sullivan, the barber, can use his razor with the same skill that Mr. Sullivan, the prizefighter, could use his dukes.

Sullivan, J. M. ....129½ Beale  
Taylor, B. ....144 Calhoun  
Taylor, Crede .... 349 Beale  
Taylor, Richard ....325½ N. Main

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Mr. Thomas is one of the smoothest manipulators of the razor in the business. All hair looks alike to him, and the man with the hog bristle hair or Bermuda grass hair is just as welcome as the man with the silken locks. "Tommy," as the writer has always called him, is the main stay of the E. S. Goens' barber shop, and is as steady in the performance of his duties as the Custom House clock.

Thomas, Sam J. ....319 Beale

Mr. S. J. Thomas is a pioneer, both in the barber business and in the art of brass music in Memphis. The cause of music is deeply indebted to Mr. Thomas, who was the leading player and teacher of brass music for years.



Mr. Thomas is a living contradiction to the general belief that a man cannot be both a musician and a gentleman, for he is both in one. He is a leading member of the Immaculates of Tennessee, and has done much to further the cause of the fraternity.

Thompson, Lucius .....348 Beale  
Thornton, Matthew .....N. Fourth  
Tunstell, J. T. ....129 1/2 Beale

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Barber Shop.  
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Vines, Henry .....242 Jackson  
Ward, Edward .....341 Beale  
Ware, Robert .....754 S. Simmons  
Washington, J. H. ....94 S. Fourth  
Waters, George .....540 1/2 S. Third

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GEORGE WATERS,  
First Class Barber Shop.  
Children's Hair Cutting.  
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Watson, Henry .....547 Mississippi  
Wheatley, George .....638 Georgia

Whitehead, Wm. ....Gaston's  
Wier, Robert .....175 Beale

Mr. Robert Wier is an expert in his line, and is one of the most reliable ones in the Goens' barber shop. He is little in size but shaves with a big razor.

Williams, E. K .....114 Beale  
Williams, Edward W....416 S. Second  
Williams, J. B. ....19 N. Lauderdale  
Williams, J. E. ....349 Beale

Mr. Williams has a lofty dome of thought that would make even Wm. Shakespeare turn green with envy if that great man should return to these mundane shores and see Mr. Williams' classic brow. He is a barber with a big "B," and one of the best artists that ever played a tune on a razor strop. He has traveled considerably and is a very well informed gentleman.

Williams, John .....334 N. Main  
Williams, John H. ....754 Union

JOHN H. WILLIAMS,  
First Class Barber Shop.  
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Young, John.....347 S. Third  
Young, George .....Gaston's

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Brownlee, M. J. ....348 Beale

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Everything Clean and Up-to-date.  
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Clay, M. L. ....349 Beale

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Hoyle, L. H.....341 Beale

L. H. HOYLE,  
BATH HOUSE.  
Modern Equipment.  
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## Beale Avenue Market

**Banks, D. C., Mrs. ....Stall 17**

Mrs. Banks has been connected with the Beale Avenue Market for such a long time that she seems to be as much a part of the market as the stalls themselves. She is an experienced market woman, and is patronized by a host of friends.

**Banks, Vinnia, Mrs. ....Stall 27**

Mrs. Vinnia Banks has had many years' experience in the market catering to the wants of the public, and has well merited the large patronage she has always enjoyed. She is a pleasant, af-

fable, up-to-date woman, and knows the ins and outs of the marketing business. She is a native of the good old State of Virginia and some of the bluest blood of the Old Dominion State flows in her veins. She is very successful in her business.

**Bonner, Ida, Miss ....Stall 31**

Miss Bonner is well acquainted, having had many years of experience with the vegetable business, and keeps one of the most attractive stalls in the market house. She is a thorough business woman and has succeeded nicely in her business.

## Bicycle Repairers

**Avery, Clark .....R 927 Knight**

**Davis, Leroy .....672 Washington**

Mr. Davis is an expert bicycle mechanic, and has held a responsible position with one of the leading business houses of Memphis for several years. He has a mechanical turn of mind and has used his genius in a very profitable manner. He is also an experienced chauffeur, and ranks with the best in the city in the knowledge of automobiles. He is a young man of fine judgment, as was shown in his selection of a wife, who is the estimable daughter of Mr. Wm. Bentley, Sr., of this city. Mr. Davis is also a popular fraternity man and a good brother.

**Nabors, Thos. ....410 Monroe**

Mr. Nabors is a kind of universal genius. He is not only a bicycle repairer, but he is an automobilist and a practical locksmith. He has a mechanical turn of mind, and we would not be surprised soon to hear that he has made an air ship. Read his advertisement.

**Walker, Conner .....Henniger's**

Mr. Walker is the man that repairs anything that needs repairing. We have

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The All-Round Expert Repairer.

HE REPAIRS Bicycles, Guns, Automobiles, Pistols, Lawn Mowers, Sewing Machines, Gasoline Lamps and Stoves.

HE PAINTS All kinds of Signs.

HE SHARPENS All kinds of Cutlery and Fits all kinds of Keys.

He Also Does All Kinds of Soldering and Brazing.

Best Work and Lowest Cash Prices.

Give Him a Call, He Guarantees Satisfaction.

410 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

spoken of him elsewhere as being an electrician, a practical gun and locksmith, a practical tool maker, and piano tuner. He can do them all well, and his patrons are always sure of complete satisfaction.



# Blacksmiths

Alexander, Clarence.....1993 Linden  
Allen, Lafayette .....Thomas  
Allison, J. & Co.....244 Winchester

J. ALLISON & SON,  
Blacksmiths.  
General Repairing.  
244 Winchester, Memphis, Tenn.

Anderson, H. ....150 Gayoso

H. ANDERSON,  
Carriage and Wagon Maker and  
Horseshoer.  
All Work Guaranteed.  
150 Gayoso St., Memphis.

Amos, James .....393 E. Calhoun  
Barnett, Augustus .....Ross  
Barnett, Gaston .....665 Polk  
Barnett, Gus .....397 E. Butler  
Bass, Joe .....Broens & McCarley

Mr. Bass is a workman of superior ability, and is a credit to his race. As a workman he holds a very responsible position with one of the most reputable factories in Memphis.

Bell, W. M. ....King's Highway  
Bills, Eugene ....Chas. W. Schley Co.  
Black, Thos .....1043 Thomas  
Bowles, C. R. ..James & Graham W. Co.

Mr. Bowles is one of the leading blacksmiths of the country. He is a very highly intelligent man and an up-right citizen and enjoys the confidence and respect of all classes of citizens. He has been connected with the James & Graham Wagon Co. for twenty-six years, and has been during all these years one of the most skillful workmen in the shop. He is a well-read man and

a thorough believer in the possibilities of the Negro race, of which he is one of its brightest representatives in more ways than one. He is a forceful and graceful speaker and brings to the platform the same excellence that is shown by him as a workman in the shop. He has the highest ideals of life and endeavors to be in exemplification of his ideals. If the Negro race in this city had a thousand representatives like Mr. Bowles, the result would be most gratifying to the race's welfare. There is nothing frivolous about him. He is always serious, sober and thoughtful. With his strong, brawny arms he has always made an honest living for his family, and has striven to educate his children to the full extent of his abilities. Mr. Bowles was at one time prominently connected with military affairs in Memphis, and was one of the best informed men connected with the State guard.

Brad, James.....Broens & McCarley

Mr. Brad has a short name, but there is nothing short about his workmanship, for he is one of the best blacksmiths that ever struck an anvil. Mr. Brad is there with the blacksmith's goods every day in the year.

Braddock, James .....165 Court  
Brown, Joseph .....751 Walnut  
Centers, Will .....986 S. Third  
Clark, Dennis ..James & Graham W. Co.

Mr. Clark is a graduate of Kortrecht High School, and has gained in the shop that education of the hand that his alma mater could not give him. He is a steady, reliable young man.

Clark, Pat .....Ellis  
Clark, Patrick H. ....407 Driver  
Cole, John .....735 Seattle  
Cooper, Jacob .....682 Dickson  
Cotton, Henry .....Boutall & Dix

Mr. Cotton is a mechanic of superior ability and holds a very responsible position with one of the leading wagon factories of Memphis. He is an intelligent man and knows his business all the way through.

Cummings, R. B. ....W. Second, Sta. E  
Cuttler, Miles C. ....150 N. Dunlap

.....  
WILLIAM DAVIS,

Blacksmith.

General Repairing

Orange Mound, Memphis, Tenn.  
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Dickson, Hiram R. ..James & Graham  
Wagon Co.

Mr. Dickson has been for 19 years one of the leading mechanics of the James & Graham Wagon Co., of Memphis. He is a workman of the highest ability and has not been superseded by any one in a great shop in which there are so many skillful and ambitious mechanics.

Echols, Pleas .....C. H. Ross

Mr. Echols is one of the finest mechanics in Memphis, and as a workman is known far and wide for his superior ability. He seems to have a natural gift for the blacksmith's art.

Edwards & Bell .....756 Union

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EDWARDS & BELL,

Blacksmiths, General Repairing,  
Satisfactory Work.

756 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn.  
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Ficklin, C. M. ....James & Graham  
Wagon Co.

Franklin, Maurice .....307 Ashland  
Gamble, Eli .....Broens & McCarley  
Graham, Thos. ....N. Second, Sta. E  
Green, George.....367 Dupree  
Green & Garnes .....485 N. Dunlap

Harrison, Harry                      Wilson & Vance  
Carriage & Wagon Works.

Mr. Harrison is a workman of skill and experience and is connected with one of the leading wagon companies of Memphis. He is a pleasant gentleman, and his work is as satisfactory as his disposition is pleasant.

Hayes, Walter .....998 Louisa  
Hobson, Albert.....673½ E. Georgia  
Irwin, Aaron .....N. Second, Sta. E  
Jackson, Andrew .....Kansas  
Jefferson, T. H. ....986 S. Third  
Johnson, Andrew .....705 McKinley  
Johnson, Ed, Sr.....336 Jefferson

Mr. Johnson, Sr., is one of the oldest blacksmiths in Memphis, having been continuously engaged in the work for forty years. He has trained and graduated some of the leading blacksmiths of the city, and each one of them is a bright example of the masterly ability of his former teacher. He is the father of Attorney Edward Johnson, Jr.

Johnson, Thos. ....292 S. Fourth  
Kelley, James .....609 Alabama  
Key & Son .....1026 Mississippi

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KEY & SON,

Blacksmiths,

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tion Guaranteed.

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We have for years been personally acquainted with Mr. Key and family and know of his fine ability as a blacksmith. He has a family of blacksmiths and each one is an expert.

Key, Robert .....Pioneer Pole & Shaft  
Company.

Mr. Robert Key is the son of A. Key, and is a member of a family of blacksmiths. He is one of the best young blacksmiths in the State, and has a natural inclination in the direction of the blacksmith's art. He can do won-



ders with a piece of iron and that is no joke. Mr. Key's father builded better than he knew when he trained his son Robert in the business of a blacksmith.

Lee, Wm. ....Broens & McCarley  
Mace, John .....771 S. Main  
McClendon, John      Am. Fork & Hoe  
                                 Company. . . . .  
Mercer, Lafayette .....165 Court  
Mercer, Tait .....R 300 Gayoso  
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Moss, Thos. ....549 S. Third  
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Newsome, Lawrence .....63 Saffarans  
Patton, J. W. ....J. C. Dix & Son

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Phillips, Samuel ..Chickasaw Iron Wks.  
Robinson, Frank ..R 568 S. Wellington  
Robinson Philip .....727 Florida

Ross, Arthur .....Ross  
Ross, Clifford H. ....581 S. Dudley

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Sanders, James P. ....1381 Jackson  
Savage, Fred, Jr. ....James & Graham  
                                 Wagon Company.

Sherman, George .....165 Court  
Shivers, Samuel .....N. Second, Sta. E

Mr. Shivers is known far and wide as a very accomplished mechanic. He is a young man with trained hands and a bright intellect and is capable of achieving the greatest success, both as a mechanic and as a business man.

Taylor, Bob .....Chickasaw Iron Wks.  
Taylor, John .....Fourth  
Taylor, Robert ....Chickasaw Iron Wks.

Mr. Taylor is a master blacksmith and holds an honorable position with one of the leading foundries of Memphis. He is unquestionably at the head of his profession as a skilled artisan.

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| Taylor, Robert . . . .    | Memphis Coffin Co. | Walker, Rasmus . . . . .    | R. 375 Union          |
| Taylor, Wm. . . . .       | 549 S. Third       | West, Wm. . . . .           | S. Third              |
| Timothy, Frank J. . . . . | 767 Tanglewood     | Whitfield, Ernest . . . .   | R. 266 W. Colorado    |
| Turner, Harry . . . . .   | 224 Winchester     | Williams, Houston . . . . . | 735 Alma              |
| Tweed, John . . . . .     | Bell Buggy Co.     | Wordly, Lawson . . . .      | Mem. Gas & L. Co.     |
| Tyson, Noah . . . . .     | Jackson            | Wyatt, Thos. . . . .        | 761 Alma              |
| Upshaw, Burge . . . . .   | Patton             | Wyatt, Tom . . . .          | Chas. W. Schley & Co. |
| Walker, Harry . . . . .   | 243 N. Prince      | Young, Henry . . . . .      | 407 E. Calhoun        |
| Young, N. S. . . . .      | 758 Lula           |                             |                       |

## Boarding Houses

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| Bunch, Samuel . . . . .      | 730 Beale      | Nish, Carrie . . . . .     | 398 Monroe         |
| Davis, Hattie . . . . .      | 440 S. Main    | Quinn, Amanda . . . . .    | R. 642 Beale       |
| Flannigan, Josephine . . . . | 31 W. Carolina | Rogers, Addie . . . . .    | 57 E. McLemore     |
| Harris, Nancy . . . . .      | 942 Texas      | Russell, Ella . . . . .    | 1274 Florida       |
| Jones, Mattie . . . . .      | 763 Florida    | Scales, Amanda . . . .     | R. 184 E. Carolina |
| Jones, Walter . . . . .      | 719 Pa. Ave.   | Scott, Mary . . . . .      | R. 1128 Texas      |
| Manus, Malinda . . . . .     | 751 Alma       | Shedrick, Elvira . . . . . | 414 Ashland        |
| Newbry, Ellerson . . . . .   | 380 Monroe     | Steele, Hattie . . . . .   | 97 S. Fourth       |

## Boilermakers

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| Anderson, Buckner A. . . . | Taylor Boiler Co.    | Reaves, Henry . . . . . | 690 Phelan   |
| Austin, Geo. W. . . . .    | Frisco, 806 Indiana  |                         |              |
| Archer, James . . . . .    | Dan Shea             |                         |              |
| Brooks, Samuel . . . . .   | 248 N. Main          |                         |              |
| Brown, Joseph . . . . .    | Dan Shea             |                         |              |
| Ingraham, Wm. T. . . . .   | R. 301 Adams         |                         |              |
| Ivory, Robert . . . . .    | 708 Dixon            |                         |              |
| Macklin, Walter . . . .    | N. C. & St. L. R. R. | Thomas, James . . . . . | St. L. R. R. |

## Bookkeepers

Banton, C. W. . . . . 351 Beale

Mr. Banton is a young man of fine ability in his chosen profession. For some time he has been head bookkeeper for the M. L. Clay Co. and has given perfect satisfaction. He is an all-round business man, and can fill in wherever first-class talent or unusual ability is needed.

Beavers, J. S. . . . . 444 Monroe

Mr. Reaves is one of the most skillful boilermakers in the business. He has worked at his trade in various sections of the country and has gained a fine reputation as a mechanic.

Thomas, James . . . . . St. L. R. R.

Mr. Beavers is connected with one of the leading horse shoeing shops of Memphis and does his work to the satisfaction of his employers.

Roddy, B. M. . . . Solvent Savings Bank

Mr. Roddy is the efficient bookkeeper of the Solvent Savings Bank. He is well known and popular and has a host of well wishers to encourage him to put forth his best efforts to succeed in life.



## Brass Bands

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### Knights of Pythias Band.

W. C. Handy, Leader.

W. C. Handy, Instructor.

M. Thornton, Cornet.

Wesley Williams, Cornet.

Paschal West, Cornet.

John Scott, Cornet.

Calvin Goodwin, Clarinet.

William Gordon, Clarinet.

Edward Williams, Alto.

William Horn, Alto.

Henry Moore, Trombone.

Judge Sutton, Trombone.

Thomas Williams, Trombone.

Percy Williams, Baritone.

Chas. Horton, Tuba.

O. C. Claxton, Drum.

Isaac Davis, Drum.

Headquarters—N. Fourth Street, Memphis, Tenn.

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### Kortrecht High School Band,

G. P. Hamilton, Manager.

G. P. Hamilton, Instructor.

C. J. Williamson, Cornet.

F. T. Lane, Cornet.

Wm. Ramsey, Cornet.

Henry Hunt, Cornet.

Edward Foster, Baritone.

Jasper Duncan, Alto.

Emmet Rice, Alto.

Herman Smith, Alto.

Chas. Morton, Clarinet.

A. McEwen, Trombone.

Wm. Gurney, Trombone.

Winfred Blaine, Tuba.

John Carson, Drum.

Samuel Oliver, Drum.

Headquarters: Kortrecht High School Department, 346 Clay Street, Memphis, Tenn.

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### North Memphis Brass Band.

Jacob Roman, Leader.

Jacob Roman, Cornet.

Will Tennings, Cornet.

George Peeples, Cornet.

Joseph Knight, Cornet.

William Scott, Baritone.

Smith Roman, Alto.

Harrison Stiggers, Alto.

James Richardson, Trombone.

Otis Elder, Trombone.

Louis Braden, Clarinet.

Ned Henry, Drum.

Arthur Ballard, Drum.

Headquarters: Auction Avenue and Seventh Street, Memphis, Tenn.

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### Odd Fellows' Band.

John Lewis, Leader.

John Lewis, Cornet.

Clarence Hurt, Cornet.

George Hawkins, Cornet.

George Hunt, Cornet.

James Hunt, Cornet.

C. Tindall, Clarinet.

George Graham, Clarinet.

Sylvanus Lott, Baritone.

Chas. Brown, Alto.

Alex. Carter, Alto.

J. C. McNeal, Trombone.

James Hilliard, Trombone.

Alex. Lovelace, Trombone.

John Avery, Drum.

George Higgins, Drum.

Headquarters: LeMoyne Normal Institute, 240 S. Orleans St., Memphis, Tenn.

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### Stone Cornet Band,

Albert Stone, Leader.

Albert Stone, Cornet.

Charles Williamson, Cornet.

William Hill, Cornet.

Jasper Duncan, Cornet.

Paul Ross, Trombone.

Charles Steele, Trombone.

Alonzo McEwen, Trombone.

Charles Morton, Clarinet.  
James Smith, Tuba.  
Frazer Lane, Baritone.  
Alex. Dnke, Drum.  
H. J. Bowman, Drum.  
Headquarters: Poplar avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Few cities of the size of Memphis can boast of as many good brass bands. At one time in its history the city of Memphis had but one first-class brass band, and it is doubtful if any one of the present bands ever equaled the Young

Men's Association Band when it was at its zenith. In the year of 1902 a band was organized among the pupils of Kortrecht High School by the principal. The success arising from his efforts in this direction was an inspiration to others to attempt similar results, and that explains the unusual number of brass bands in Memphis. The interest in music has also been stimulated by the series of band contests which were auspiciously begun at Klondyke Park on the 17th of August, 1908.

Brick Masons *and* Contractors

Abrams, Leonard.....447 East Georgia  
Beard, James .....782 Alaska  
Bell, Dee.....I. C. R. R.  
Bomar, Hayne M.....718 Third  
Brown, Charles.....569 E. Iowa  
Brown, Edward.....305 Sanderson  
Brown, John.....R 214 Gayoso  
Brown, W. H. F....South Lauderdale  
Calhoun, Walter..R 315 North Dunlap  
Catron, Samuel.....906 Jefferson  
Chase, Wm. A.....139 West Georgia  
Clark, William.....589 St. Paul  
Coleman, Grant.....Auction  
Cooley, Benjamin F.....400 Driver  
Cooper, John.....812 Williams  
Copeland, Paul ....156 Calhoun  
Cotton, B. J.....621 St. Paul  
Driver, William.....628 East Georgia

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Duncan, George.....990 Latham

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Mr. Duncan is a man of fine intelligence and an artisan of the first rank. He is an experienced mechanic and has the technical education to understand all the difficulties of his profession. He is an old schoolmate of the author and one for whom the author has the highest regard.

Fleming, William.....577½ Suzette  
Franklin, Charles.....777 Dixon  
Frazier, Russell.....684 E. Robinson  
Glover, William.....1280 Saxon  
Goodlow, David.....192 S. Manassas  
Gray, Harry E.....577 E. Dudley  
Green, Robert.....28 Gholston

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Harris, W. H.....Chappin  
Hart, Henry....New Cordes Sub. Okla.  
Henry, Frank.....237 Leath  
Hodges, D. G.....718 S. Fourth

Mr. Hodges is one of the best brick masons in the whole country. He is so generally and favorably known as an artisan that it seems unnecessary to make any comment on his ability. He is foreman with one of the leading brick contractors of the city and is considered by all citizens to be at the head of his profession.

Hodges, Edgar.....718 S. Fourth  
Jackson, Peter.....R 415 Union  
James, Edward.....996 Leath  
Johnson, Richard..Memphis and Tenn.  
Trust Building.  
Johnson, Robert.....608 Wicks  
Johnson, William.....383 Dunlap  
Jones, Charles.....R 338 South Second  
Jones, Charles.....South Second  
Logan, Julian A....Coker, New Chicago  
Maddox, Joe.....Unknown  
Malone, Charles.....Unknown  
Martin, Isaac J.....734 Alabama  
Martin, Robert H.....1096 Indiana  
Mason, Henry.....235 Caldwell  
Mason, Ralph.....99 S. Lauderdale  
McBride, John.....176 E. Railroad  
McCracken, John.....Unknown  
Meadows, Gustave.....840 Alma  
Montgomery, Frank.....Vallentine  
Moss, J. H.....Unknown  
Oliver, James.....1325 S. Wellington  
Parker, William.....958 S. Ford  
Porter, Emmet .....Spotswood

Pritchard, John.....Unknown  
Raines, Marshall.....315 Ayers  
Ray, Cowan.....Polk  
Reeves, Tom.....Unknown  
Rhinehardt, Booker...873 E. Brunswick  
Saddler, Wm.....R 389 E. Calhoun  
Scott, Wm.....1083 Kimbro

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Taylor, Loui.....646 Court  
Taylor, Samuel.....996 Louisa  
Thomas, Daniel....343 N. Manassas  
Thomas, Riley.....Unknown  
Turner, Allen.....Belt Line  
Vance, Evans.....722 S. Orleans  
Vance, Harold.....722 S. Orleans  
Vance, Wash.....722 S. Orleans

Mr. Vance is one of the most finished workmen in the business he follows. His mastery of the brick layers' trade has always been a source of satisfaction to his friends, who have always claimed that Mr. Vance is at the head of his class. He is a good citizen, a good father, a peaceful neighbor and a faithful friend. His sons are chips off the same old block, as it were, and are splendid workmen.

Vanhook, James.....875 Webb  
Webb, Sim.....602 S. Wellington  
Williams, Wm.....1370 Fowler  
Wilson, George.....902 S. Wellington  
Winbrish, Lee.....963 Monroe  
Wood, General .....Ropers Alley  
Worthey, Henry.....Unknown  
Wright, Louis.....560 Wicks

## Broom Makers

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Banks, Joseph..... Unknown  
 Beasley, Walter..Merchants Broom and  
 Mop Company.

Boyd, E. C.....596 Monroe

Mr. Boyd is one of the oldest and most experienced broom makers in Memphis, and is an artist in his line. It is doubtful if a broom maker superior to him can be found in the city of Memphis.

Brown, Governor H.....340 E. Calhoun

Burks, Aug..Merchants' Broom & Mop  
 Co.

Burks, Frank..Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Burks, Gus..Merchants' Broom & Mop  
 Co.

Burks, Joe..Merchants' Broom & Mop  
 Co.

Burks, Moses..Merchants' Broom & Mop  
 Co.

Chapman, Jack..Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Dallas, Robert..Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Durant, William.....380 S. Second

Gardner, Wm..Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Jones, Richard.... .906 S. Fourth

Lott, Sylvanus .. Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Martin, Wm..Merchants' Broom & Mop

Miller, Walter, Merchants' Broom &  
 Mop Co.

Morton, Will..Merchants' Broom & Mop  
 Co.

Reynolds, Nathan..Southern Broom Co.  
 Stephenson, Earl.....962 S. Nesbit

## Butchers

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Before beginning the classified list of butchers it may be necessary to explain to the reading public exactly what the qualifications of a firstclass butcher are. The ordinary impression of the qualification of a first-class butcher is erroneous. The general idea is that a butcher is a man that stands behind the meat counter and cuts meat for the public. Many a man that cuts meat for the public hasn't the slightest qualification for a first-class butcher. He is simply a meat cutter, a position which any ordinary man may be taught to fill with a few weeks' instructions. To be a first-class butcher requires years of patient application. A real butcher is supposed to know everything that can be done with a piece of meat. He is supposed to have begun his training either in the slaughter house or in the packing house and to have stayed in either until he has served

his full apprenticeship which covers a period of several years. Any one who has noticed the various forms in which meat is prepared for public use can gain some faint idea of the thorough preparation necessary to become a first-class butcher. Through the kindness of one or two of the experienced butchers whom we have had the pleasure of meeting we have gained some information as to the apprenticeship one must go through before reaching the exalted position of a first-class butcher. As a rule, the person intending to become a butcher begins his apprenticeship in the packing house or slaughter house at a very early age, or when a mere boy. His first duty is to bring water. His next duty is to learn how to keep the rags clean. He then learns how to keep fire in the hog kettles; next he learns how to scrape hogs, after that he is



taught how to riddle the animals' intestines and to clean chitterlings and tripe. He next learns to take off the front foot of cattle. Then he learns how to saw briskets and breasts; next he learns to hang up and gut the animal. Next he is taught how to drop the hide from the animal's neck. He then learns how to turn the rim on the beef. Then he learns how to side and saw down. By this time his knowledge of dealing with beeves and hogs is satisfactory. Then his training is transferred to butchering the sheep. First he is taught how to hold the sheep while it is stuck. Then he learns how to cut strings and tie legs; next he is taught how to wipe off the sheep. After this he is shown how to place the hides. Then comes the knowledge of running the guts. Next he is taught how to leg a sheep; then to pelt the sheep. At this time he is ready to receive his diploma as a graduate in sheepology. Having, after a period of years, learned how to manipulate the beef, hog and sheep he is now ready to begin his apprenticeship in the meat market or butcher shop. In this new position his first duty is to carry orders. He next learns how to wipe off the counters and tools, and to keep the blocks clean. He then learns how to bone out scrap meat and to make meat for sausage. He then learns to saw behind the butcher. He takes up the sawing of soup bones. He then learns to cut chuck steak, to block out cattle, to master the round steak and to deal with pounds. Having served this apprenticeship extending over a period of several years the faithful apprentice may modestly presume to have some slight knowledge of the duties of a first-class butcher. All the names in the classified list in this book have been given to the author as the names of those that have served such an apprenticeship as designated above. Most

of these gentlemen have served for fifteen, twenty and thirty years in the business and know it from A to Z. Most of them hold very responsible positions.

Allen, Wm. . . . . Seessel's Slaughter House  
 Bell, Edward . . . . . Seessel's Slaughter House  
 Burton, James . . . . . Kehy's Slaughter House  
 Cain, Silas . . . . . 1042 Thomas  
 Finley, Caleb . . . . . W. A. Forto's Market



Fowler, Daniel . . . . . Fulton Market

**DANIEL FOWLER.**

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Mr. Fowler fills the responsible position of head butcher in the leading market of the city. The Fulton Market is known far and wide as a first-class establishment and consequently demands that its butchers be men of the greatest

ability. Mr. Fowler is one of the premier butchers of the city. He began his apprenticeship in the packing house, and is a master of his trade. He is called the Champion Butcher of Memphis because of his success in the championship contest held at Klondyke Park in the summer of 1908. In this butchers' contest Mr. Fowler killed and dressed a sheep in the remarkably short time of 5 minutes and 18 seconds.

Franklin, Charley..Nick Strehl's Market House.

Galloway, Aaron..Armour Packing Co.

Mr. Galloway is very widely known as one of our most experienced and up-to-date butchers. We have heard the very best of testimonials concerning his ability, and he is no doubt one of the best butchers in the business.

Gilfred, Garfield..North Memphis Stock Yards & Laboratory Co.

Green, Henry..North Memphis Stock Yards and Laboratory Co.

Harris, Frank..Nick Strehl's Market House.

Mr. Frank Harris is a butcher in the fullest acceptance of the term. He is a graduate in his art and has served in it long and faithfully. The author feels himself deeply obligated to Mr. Harris for the information given in these columns to the public concerning the apprenticeship of a first-class butcher. Mr. Harris is one of the leading butchers in the public market house and is a gentleman of whom the community should be proud.

Harris, Henry..North Memphis Stock Yards & Laboratory Co.

Hightower, Jefferson...Concord & Main  
Jackson, Norman..Miles Slaughter House  
Johnson, Major..North Memphis Stock  
Yards & Laboratory Co.

Jones, Perry...Mat Moneghan's Market  
Kirk, James..Second & Mill, Sausage  
Factory.

Mr. Kirk is a veteran butcher. We are told that he has been one of the leading butchers for 30 years.

Lynch, Sidney..North Memphis Stock Yards & Laboratory Co.

Neely, Ben.....Stahl's Meat Market

Mr. Neely is an old slaughter house man and knows all the details of his business. He is very anxious for the butchers of Memphis to become more closely united and to form an organization among themselves.

Peebles, Noble, Sr.....Brown & Nesbit

Mr. Peebles is a butcher of over 30 years' experience. His name is Noble, but even this excellent name does not do him full justice as a gentleman and an experienced butcher.

Sillary, Gus..Otto Kahn's Chelsea House  
Smith, Frederick..North Memphis Stock  
Yards & Laboratory Co.

Mr. Smith is foreman of one of the stock yards in the city. He is an expert butcher with an experience of more than 20 years. We had the pleasure of meeting him and were much gratified to see him filling so creditably such a position of responsibility and trust.

Taylor, Henry.....Fulton Market  
Wallace, Ben.....McCarver Slaughter  
House.



## Cabinet Makers

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Anderson, Wm....    | A. D. Gibson & Sons  | McGhee, Perry P.... | Memphis Coffin Co. |
| Bowman, Israel..... | 139 Oklahoma         | Thomas, Grant.....  | 237 Gayoso         |
| Jones, Joseph....   | Tennessee Lumber Co. | Warner, Berry.....  | Park               |

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Beale & Southern R. R.

Morris, S.....

1515 South Azalia

Perkins, Arthur.....

300 Gayoso

Webster, Simpson.....

959 Monroe

## Candy Makers

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Alexander, Henry.... | Novelty Candy Co. | Lowe, Chas.....   | Williams     |
| Alley, Phil M.....   | 920 Lauderdale    | Morton, Chas..... | 393 McLemore |

Mr. Alley is an old and experienced candy maker and knows the business in all of its phases. He is an honorable citizen and enjoys the confidence of all that know him.

Anderson, Ridley J.....609 Exchange  
Coschman, Will....Chickasaw Candy Co.  
Crompton, Chas...Chickasaw Candy Co.  
Crawford, Chas.....381 Monroe  
Hart, Henry.....Novelty Candy Co.  
Hayden, Donnie Wagner Candy Factory

Mr. Hayden is an old pupil of the author and no one is prouder than he of Mr. Hayden's fine ability as a candy maker. Mr. Hayden is a quiet, steady, industrious young man and has made his mark as one of the most expert workmen in his line. He is all right.

Lee, Thos..... Floyd's  
Link, Edward.....Novelty Candy Co.

Mr. Morton is the oldest candy maker in Memphis, having been conected with the business for more than 40 years. Most of the older candy makers have served an apprenticeship under Mr. Morton, and this fact explains their excellence as workmen. Mr. Morton is one of our best citizens. He has reared a splendid family and all of his children are worthy examples of the best home training. He has a valuable home on McLemore avenue in the most aristocratic part of the city.

Morton, Nathaniel A..Novelty Candy Co.

Mr. Morton is a fine candy maker. He inherited his ability from his father, who is the undisputed veteran and master in the candy business.

Perkins, Robert...Chickasaw Candy Co.  
Prentiss, Clayton.....607 Woodward

Richardson, George.....595 St. John  
Scott, A. J.....Novelty Candy Co.

Mr. Scott is an expert candy manipulator and is the peer of almost anyone in the business.

Stewart, H.....274 California

Mr. Stewart is a gentleman of long and successful experience in the candy business and probably comes next to Mr. Morton in length of service. He is a finished candy man with a splendid record for success.

Taylor, Chas.....Novelty Candy Co.

Mr. Taylor is an expert in the candy business. He is foreman of the Novelty

Candy Company, and an intelligent young man in every respect. The honor of being foreman of the factory where he works reflects great credit on him and he reflects credit on the position.

Williams, Walter.....276 Exchange  
Wooten, James..Oliver Finnie Grocery Co.

Mr. Wooten is an old boyhood friend of the author and a past master in the candy makers' art. His proficiency in his business is so generally known that comment is hardly necessary. He is a fine candy maker and as fine a man as he is a candy maker.

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Adams, George.....1619 Latham  
Adams, Wesley.....1619 Latham  
Alexander, James.....476 Concord  
Allen, John.....293 West Railroad  
Anderson, Harvey.....414 Ashland  
Andrews, Thos.....224 Linden  
Anthony, James.....288½ Walnut  
Askew, Sidney.....971 S. Third  
Aston, Walter C.....739 S. Hobart

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Bailey, Andrew C.....R 915 N. Second  
Ballard, Moses..... McGhee  
Banks, James.....397 Linden  
Barbee, Pink.....714 S. Orleans  
Bates, Henry...45 Capitol, New Chicago

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Mr. Bates is one of the most finished contractors in Memphis. In New Chicago may be seen nearly a dozen of the most elegant residences in Memphis that were built by him. He is a remarkable man in many respects, and it is doubtful if he can be surpassed as a master workman.

Bates, Wm.....404 Turley  
Beasley, Scott..... Oak  
Bellford, Reuben.....E. Winfred  
Bentley, Robert A.....1198 Keel



Biggs, Stephen.....354 S. Humphreys

STEPHEN BIGGS,  
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Residence: 354 S. Humphreys.  
Memphis Phone: 2023.  
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Mr. Biggs is a high class carpenter and could not do unsatisfactory work even if he should attempt it. He is an honest carpenter, who believes in giving value received for the money.

- Bobo, Horace.....437 St. Paul
- Bolden, Alfred.....221 S. Somerville
- Bonds, George.....890 Lane
- Bones, Joseph.....416 Ashland
- Bowen, Isaac.....226 Vollentine
- Bowen, W. E.....Jones & White

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- Box, Ephraim.....738 Speed
- Boyce, Wm.....R 387 S. Third
- Branch, Sedrick.....157 Decatur
- Brown, Andrew J.....R 202 E. Carolina
- Brown, Chas. R.....478 Wicks

CHAS. R. BROWN,  
Carpenter and Builder.  
478 Wicks, - Memphis, Tenn.

- Brown, S.....Trezevant
- Brown, W. H.....794 Williams
- Bryant, Wm.....593 Larose
- Bullard, Benjamin.....1446 Lamar
- Burchett, W. B.....729 Leach

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Burrows, Wm. H.....753 Speed

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Mr. Burrows is one of the master builders of Memphis, and has gained an enviable reputation in his profession. He is a high class man, both personally and professionally, and enjoys universal respect and esteem. His estimable wife is one of the beloved daughters of Bishop Isaac Lane, of Jackson, Tenn., and since Mr. Burrows' marriage to this talented lady he has thriven and flourished like a green bay tree. Mr. Burrows looks the prosperous citizen. He is apparently well fed and always well groomed, and presents the apearance of a great tragedian on the stage rather than that of a prosperous contractor and builder. Mr. Burrows does high class work, as befits a high class man.

Cannon, J. J.....658 Stephens

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Carr, James.....9 N. Willett  
 Carter, Hiram.....451 S. Wellington  
 Catron, Thos.....1306 S. Waldran  
 Chalmers, E. D.....456 Wicks  
 Cherry, Edward.....R 375 E. Calhoun  
 Chester, Christopher.....691 Looney  
 Childs, Leroy.....365 Walnut  
 Clark, Chas.....274 Gilbert  
 Claybrook, John C.....932 S. Bellevue  
 Conner, Chas.....131 S. Fourth

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Couch, Thos..... Klondyke  
 Cox, Joseph.....1087 Carr  
 Crittenden, R. L.....590 Washington

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Dammons, Jacob W.....45 Capital

**JACOB W. DAMMONS,**

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Davis, Clifton.....702 Linden  
 Duncan, P. H.....308 Poplar

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Dunn, John.....942 Emmie  
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 Ellison, H. C.....358 Beale

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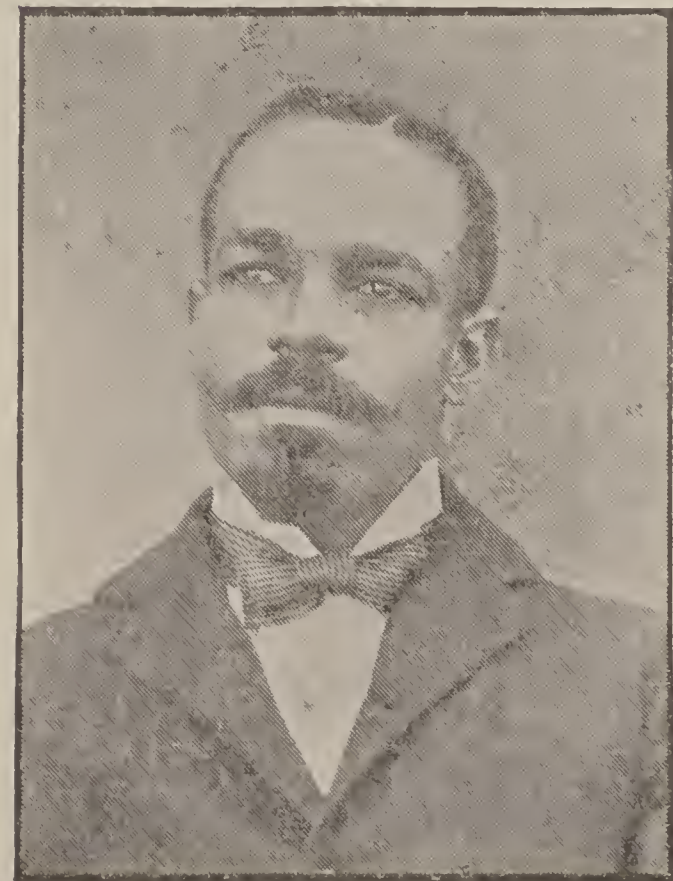
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Ellison first saw the light of day in the state of Georgia. He has had an experience of 20 years in the contracting business and is one of the most competent workmen that ever manipulated the square and saw. Since coming to Memphis and engaging in his business as contractor and builder he has erected some of our most elegant and substantial buildings. He erected Mount Olive C. M. E. Church, one of our handsomest churches; the Crystal Ice and Coal Co.'s building on Union ave.; the Patton Memorial Chapel on the Hernando road, which was donated by Mr. D. W. Washington to the Old Folks and Orphan's Home as a memorial to his former wife, Dr. Patton. He built the Metropolitan Baptist Church on Vance avenue. He also does special contract work for the Louisville & Nashville R.



R. Co., which is an honor that is seldom conferred upon a colored man. Mr. Ellison has made remarkable progress as a contractor in the short time that he has been a citizen of Memphis. Now he is universally known and esteemed, both as a workman and as a citizen. He is prominently connected with Providence A. M. E. Church, and is a useful member. He has an elegant home in Klondyke and it is in every respect a building worthy of a prosperous contractor and builder.

- Fields, Cyrus..... Lipford
- Finger, Jesse.....1074 Lamar
- Fleetwood, Austin.....84 W. Colorado
- Fleetwood, James.....84 W. Colorado
- Fleming, Henry.....579 Walnut



Fletcher, O. G.....862 Porter

O. G. FLETCHER,  
Contractor and Builder.  
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Phone: 2259.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Fletcher has been a resident of Memphis for only a few years, but in that short time he has thoroughly demonstrated his ability as a master contractor and builder. Since coming to Memphis he has erected a number of splendid buildings, and each one is a testimonial of his skill. He erected the Devorken flats on Vance avenue, the New Prospect Baptist Church and the Ben Johnson flats, corner of Calhoun avenue and Hernando. He built the Union drug store and the Kelley building. He also has the construction of the magnificent five-story Masonic building of this city. Mr. Fletcher was born in Illinois and has a great deal of the proverbial shrewdness and ability of those that come from Yankeeland. He has been actively engaged in the contracting business for ten years, and, judging from his splendid success in Memphis his prospects in his business are brilliant indeed. He is a polished, intelligent, practical young man, and has achieved success in more than one avenue of life. His splendid education gives him a distinct advantage over the ordinary mechanic, and his technical knowledge enables him to measure arms with the best informed contractors of the opposite race. Mr. Fletcher has already earned a fine reputation as a contractor and he is in line for the leadership in the contracting business.

- Ford, Chas. W.....377 S. Humphrey
- Franklin, Jesse.....623 E. Georgia
- Gallimore, George.....524 S. Third
- Garrett, James.....967 Peach
- Gibson, George.....628 Wicks
- Gillam, Guss.....922 N. Main
- Gilliam, Herbert.....67 E. Trigg
- Glover, Morgan.....595 S. Rosentine
- Gordon, Charles.....1059 Mississippi
- Gray, James C.....430 E. Butler
- Griffin, Chas.....350 Haynes
- Gross, Chas.....945 S. Ford Pl.
- Hamilton, David.....718 Monroe
- Hardin, Yancy.....906 Florida

Harris, Walter H.....392 Allen  
Harrison, Louis.....252 Leath  
Hogan, Alonzo.....N. Red Elm  
Hudson, Robert.....605 Monroe  
Hughes, M.....Trezevant  
Hunt, Blair T.....693 Linden

BLAIR T. HUNT,  
Contractor and Builder.  
693 Linden, Memphis.

Mr. Hunt is a contractor of established ability and a descendant of a master builder. He is one of our best and best-known citizens, and can be relied upon to render satisfactory service in every instance. He is not a cheap workman, but a first-class mechanic and no mistake will be made by any one who is in need of high-class work at live-and-let-live prices.

Hunt, David .....746 McKinley  
Jackson, Henry.....328 Decatur  
Jackson, Leroy.....R 269 Walnut  
Jones, Polk.....20 W. Illinois

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Mr. Jones is not only one of our most capable carpenters and builders, but he is one of our best citizens. His children are well educated and talented and give evidence of the parental care bestowed upon them.

Kimbrough, Thos.....588 Autumn  
King, James.....726 Maple  
Lewis, Eldridge.....943 Madison  
Lott, Geo. F.....368 Elliott

GEORGE LOTT,  
Carpenter and Builder.  
368 Elliott - - Memphis.

Manuel, Robert....R. 976 E. McLemore  
Marmon, August D.....Frisco R. R.  
Martin, Samuel .....R. 640 Suzette  
Matthews, Mack.....765 Alma  
May, John J.....947 Louisa  
Mays, Monroe.....686 S. Wellington  
McCaskill, Wm.....120 S. Belmont  
McCrarey, John.....674 Polk  
McCrinnell, Mr.....131 S. Fourth  
McDonald, James B....621 E. Jessamine  
McHenry, Miles.....686 S. Third  
Meadows, Robert.....761 Hastings  
Michens, Henry.....617 N. Second  
Mitchell, James H.....371 E. Calhoun

JAMES MITCHELL,  
Contractor and Builder.  
371 East Calhoun St., Memphis.

Moore, Coleman.....780 Edith  
Moore, David.....504 Wicks  
Morre, Thomas A.....Arcadian Hill  
Morriss, Joseph.....826 Lewis  
Mosby, George.....Dupree  
Mosby, Henry.....878 Florida  
Murray, David.....682 S. Wellington  
Neal, John.....85 E. Trigg  
Nelson, George.....R. 664 Sassafrass  
Newland, John.....6 Charleston Hill  
Oglesby, Wm. H.....1092 S. Lauderdale  
Orris, John.....934 S. Third  
Overton, John W.....902 N. Claybrook  
Overton, Samuel E.....917 S. Fourth  
Palmer, Robert.....Vaal  
Parker, Erwin.....R. 227 Rayburn  
Parrott, Robert.....371 Leath  
Partee, Chas. W.....Oak and Maple

CHAS. PARTEE,  
Carpenter and Builder.  
Oak and Maple, Memphis, Tenn.

Paty, Frank.....475 Alston  
Pegues, Frank.....426 Concord  
Perry, Arthur.....258 Leath



Peters, Miles.....Robeson  
Phillips, J. M.,.602 Exchange Extended  
Pierce, A. F..... Binghamton

A. F. PIERCE,  
Carpenter and Builder.  
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Pope, Robert.....117 N. Belmont  
Powell, Jas.....773 Speed  
Pryor, Alex.....397 E. Butler  
Pursley, Wm..Memphis Sash & Door Co.  
Randolph, A.....354 S. Humphrey  
Raynor, B. F.....625 Georgia

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Mr. Raynor has shown himself to be a first-class mechanic. He has erected some very substantial buildings in Memphis and has given satisfaction. He is a patron of education, three of his children having graduated from the colored high school of this city.

Richardson, Arthur.....741 Concord  
Richmond, John.....253 N. Dunlap

JOHN RICHMOND,  
Carpenter and Builder.  
253 N. Dunlap, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Richmond has few if any superiors along the line of his work. He seems to have a natural aptitude or gift

for mastering every detail of the carpenter's business. He is a well-informed, intelligent, up-to-date man, and an interesting companion. He has had great and varied experience and has gained much that is interesting and instructive to young and old alike.

Saddler, Louis.....707 Polk  
Sanders, Richard..... Oak  
Sanford, J. W.....356 S. Wellington

J. W. SANFORD,  
Contractor and Builder.  
Estimates Given.  
Residence. 356 S. Wellington St.  
Phone: Old, 2569 Main.  
Memphis, Tenn.

For more than 20 years Mr. Sanford has been one of the leading contractors of Memphis, and has not only built up a substantial reputation in his business but he has gained a substantial fortune, and is now one of our wealthiest citizens. Some of the most elegant and most pretentious structures in the city are monuments to his fine ability as a master builder, and so extensive has been his work and so generally is he known as a contractor that it is unnecessary to enumerate the number of great buildings that he has constructed.

There is no part of the city in which there is not some substantial structure that he has built and likewise there is hardly a section of the city in which he has no property interests. Mr. Sanford is largely a self-made man, and is truly the architect of his own fortune. He is a bright example of energy, hustle and brains, and has never failed to accomplish whatever he has attempted. There is no other colored man in the city that is more enterprising and energetic. He has great capacity for work and complete mastery of the details of the contracting business. He is one of

the financial powers back of the Solvent Savings Bank of this city, and his name goes far toward giving to this institution stability and financial prestige. He has large farming interests, both in Shelby county and in other counties of the state, and has valuable property interests in other states. No other young man in the community has thriven and amassed wealth more rapidly than Mr. Sanford, and no other citizen is more deserving of success.

Scales, Chas..... Humber  
Scott, Henry.....998 Emmie  
Scott, Oliver.....R. 604 Rayburn  
Scurlock, Robert.....114 W. Virginia

**ROBERT SCURLOCK,**  
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114 W. Virginia Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Scurlock is a mechanic of the finest ability and is one of our oldest and best known citizens. His family has always been well connected with the social life of Memphis.

Sharer, Michael.....678 Penn  
Shields, Wm..... Breedlove  
Shores, John.....Charleston Hill  
Smith, John.....771 S. Hobart  
Spencer, Isom.....131 S. Fourth  
Spencer, Thomas..... City stables  
Stephenson, M. D.....358 Beale

**M. D. STEPHENSON,**  
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Phone: 1839.  
Office: 358 Beale Ave.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Stephenson is a man big in stature and big in brain. He is one of the leading contractors of Memphis and has a

substantial reputation as a master builder. He is up in "G" as a contractor.

Stewart, Sam.....733 Williams  
Stone, Jesse.....939 Olympic  
Strickland, S. M.....355 S. Cynthia

**S. M. STRICKLAND,**  
Carpenter and Builder.  
Phone: Memphis, 812.  
Residence: 355 S. Cynthia St.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Taylor, J. L.....351 Beale  
Taylor, Wm A.....321 Decatur  
Thomas, Arthur....R. 263 N. Manassas  
Thomas, Grant.....237 Gayoso  
Thomas, Jerry.....R. 671 Phelan  
Thomas, Matthew..... 190 Guthrie  
Thompson, Chas.....17 N. Willett  
Tillman, Arthur.....186 S. Waldron  
Townsend, Joseph..... Linden  
Trice, Moses.....1333 Jackson  
Upshaw, Benjamin.....S. Lauderdale

**BENJAMIN UPSHAW,**  
Contractor and Builder.  
South Lauderdale.  
Memphis, Tenn.

The friends of Mr. Upshaw never tire when speaking of his ability as a first-class mechanic. He is one of the best.  
Vanhook, Henry.....227 Sycamore

Vassar, Frank.....626 Exchange  
Wainwright, George.....1183 Carr  
Walker, Joseph..Memphis Gas & Elec-  
tric Co.  
Walker, Joseph.....Lilly Carriage Co.  
Walker, Lorenzo.....674 Polk  
Waller, Winston.....Lilly Carriage Co.  
Ward, Jerry.....365 Driver  
Washington, George.....338 Leath  
Webb, James.....R. 467 Fifth  
Weber, David.. .....9 N. Willett  
Wesley, John.....R. 404 S. Second



Wheeler, Charles.....634 Wicks  
White, Jas. W.....774 Olympic  
Williams, G. H.....9 Chicago

**G. H. WILLIAMS,**  
Carpenter and Builder.  
9 Chicago, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Williams is a first-class mechanic in its most comprehensive sense, and is able to do full justice to all the demands of his business. He has made an enduring reputation as a mechanic, and he never fails to come up to the highest standard.

Williams, O. W.....690½ S. Orleans

**O. W. WILLIAMS,**  
Contractor and Builder.  
Phone: 744.  
690½ S. Orleans St.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Williams in the past few years has gained quite a reputation as a contractor and builder, and has several splendid buildings to testify to his skill and ability. He is an energetic, intelligent, and far-sighted business man and never sleeps on his opportunities. He is a versatile genius and can speak on politics and statesmanship as entertainingly as he can on the details of the contracting business. He is a spellbinder on political and other occasions of public moment, and is amply able to take care of his personal interests. He is prominently connected with the Masonic fraternity and as a citizen enjoys general respect and esteem.

Willis, John.....43 Wellington  
Wilson, Edward.....595 S. St. John  
Wood, Mitchell .....351 N. Dunlap  
Wood, Wm. ....1382 Johnson  
Woodruff, D. C.....699 Linden

**D. C. WOODRUFF,**  
Contractor and Builder.  
699 Linden, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Woodruff may be called a good old-time carpenter. By this statement we mean that he is perfectly honest and reliable in the carrying out of every contract. All work done by him is honest work and up to the specifications. He is an old-time contractor because he doesn't know anything about modern chicanery. He puts into his work the best lumber, the best workmanship, and the best brains, and consequently his work is of the most finished and durable character. No other contractor in Memphis has a better reputation for skillful, reliable and durable workmanship. He is a carpenter with a conscience, and he is in every respect conscientious in the performance of his duty. He is one of our most highly respected citizens. He has always been a patron of education and has provided for his family every educational advantage. The name of Woodruff is a very appropriate one for a carpenter, but does not indicate the character of his workmanship.

Woodruff, Chas. H.....E. Blakemore  
Woodruff, Walter R.....699 Linden  
Woodson, B. F. Jr.....666 Pontotoc  
Woodson, B. F., Sr.....666 Pontotoc

**B. F. WOODSON,**  
Contractor and Builder.  
All work guaranteed.  
666 Pontotoc, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Woodson, Sr., is a highly intelligent citizen and is one of the most skillful carpenters and builders in Memphis. He is a man of fine native ability and it is not surprising that such ability should seek an outlet with such satisfactory results in the carpenter's trade. Mr. Woodson is all right in his business and the community knows it.

Yates, Edward R.....814 Michigan  
Zinn, Edward.....1328 Barber

# Carpet Layers

Armour, George.....679 Pontotoc  
Bell, Harry .....Rhodes-Haverty Co.

Mr. Bell is one of the most skillful carpet men in Memphis. He is employed at one of the leading furniture houses of the city, and is one of its most reliable workmen.

Cash, M. D.....945 N. Watkin

**M. D. CASH,**  
Carpet Maker, Layer and Ren-  
ovator.  
Work promptly and carefully  
done. Satisfactory results.  
Call Him.  
945 N. Watkin St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Cash is a native of Raleigh, N. C., and a graduate of Shaw University of that state. He taught school for 15 years. He is a pleasant, cultured, and polished gentleman and has a host of well wishers and friends. He is one of our most skillful carpet men and has a splendid patronage.

Flakes, Taylor....R. 412 S. Wellington  
Gant, Henry T. J. Beasley Furniture Co.  
Gant, Hezekiah K.....597 E. Bowdre  
Jones, Matthew..... Unknown  
Jones, W. L.....85 N. Second

**W. L. JONES,**  
Carpet layer, cleaner and Mak-  
er. All work guaranteed satisfac-  
tory. Public transfer.  
Phone: Cumberland 3286.  
85 N. Second St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Lyons, J. D.....Gilchrist & Francis  
Nelson, John.....245 N. Dunlap

**JOHN NELSON,**  
Carpet Layer and Upholsterer.  
Satisfaction Guaranteed.  
Old Phone. 4215 Main.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Nelson is a carpet layer and upholsterer of many years experience, and is one of the most competent artisans in the business. To employ him is to get the best workmanship and the most satisfactory results. He knows his business thoroughly and can not be surpassed. He is an old acquaintance of the writer and is one of the best known exponents of his trade.

Phamphlet, Philip..J. Beasley Furniture Co.  
Somerville, James..Rosenbaum & Mendel.  
Tate, Humphrey C..Benham Furniture Co.

The name of Mr. Tate as a high-class carpet layer and upholsterer is a household word in the community and no other man is more generally and favorably known. Fortunate is the firm that has his service. To the knowledge of the writer Mr. Tate has been connected with only two different firms in all the years of his experience as a master carpet man. He was connected with Mr. Menken's establishment until it went out of business, and will probably remain with the Benham Furniture Co. until he shuffles off this mortal coil. Such long service is a great compliment to Mr. Tate and shows that he is a very capable and reliable man. Mr. Tate is very prominent in the councils of the Odd Fellows, and a very capable and worthy representative of this fraternity. He is an energetic, intelligent, up-to-date, public-spirited citizen, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all that know him.

Williams, Ernest..T. J. Beasley Furniture Co.  
Williams, John.....347 S. Third  
Williams, Oscar.....242 N. Third  
Wilson, Wm.....Graves & Watson





JACKSON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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MRS. FANNIE PURNELL

# Cateresses

Diffay, Dora D., Mrs.....1273 Saxon

Mrs. Diffay is an accomplished woman in many respects and among the many arts with which she is thoroughly familiar is the art of cooking. She is an artistic cook in the fullest acceptation of the term, and her culinary efforts are models of elegance and palatableness. She is an experienced cateress and decorator and will no doubt be generally identified with the catering business in Memphis at no distant day. She is a charming woman with a most attractive personality, and to know her is to appreciate her many accomplishments to their fullest extent.

Lee, E., Mrs.....Jones, near Belt Line

Mrs. Lee is a genius in the commissary department of the house. Into her own home there can never come any discord because her cooking is so artistic and palatable that the whole family is always in the very best humor. She is one of the best cateresses in the city and is in great demand in the exclusive circle where she is known. The writer generally overeats himself whenever he has the pleasure of sharing the hospitality of Mrs. Lee's home.

Purnell, Fannie, Mrs.....695 S. Orleans

MRS. FANNIE PURNELL,  
The Leading Cateress.  
Memphis Phone: 1551.  
Cumberland Phone: 3502.  
Weddings, luncheons, parties  
and anything in the cateress' line.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Purnell is the leading cateress of the city of Memphis, and has succeeded the late Mrs. Rebecca Green in that capacity. Mrs. Purnell can meet the demands for any occasion and even royalty would not disconcert her in the perfection of her art. Most of the swell occasions in the upper circles of Memphis society are looked after by her, and she enjoys a prestige in her profession second to none. She is the accomplished wife of Mr. H. C. Purnell, a prosperous merchant of this city.

Taylor, Charlotte, Mrs.....547 Dutro Pl.

Mrs. Taylor is an excellent cateress and may be depended upon to meet the demands of most any occasion.

# Cemeteries

## M'COY, LEVI.

This cemetery is the property of that most enterprising and progressive citizen Mr. Levi McCoy, the popular undertaker. It is located about five miles south of Court Square, and has an area of five acres. In this beautiful City of the Dead about 300 souls are sleeping their last sleep.

## ZION CEMETERY.

This is the oldest cemetery for colored people in Memphis, and is a monument to the foresight and wisdom of the early citizens of Memphis in the days succeeding the Civil War.





# Chauffeurs

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Andrews, Lee..... Fader  
Baker, Harry.....Wm. Goodbar

Mr. Baker is one of the most expert gasoline machine manipulators in the city.

Banks, Oliver.....The Walshes

Mr. Banks is a very expert steamer man.

Bass, Jeff.....Mrs. Coffin  
Blaine, Sherman.....Gen. S. T. Carnes

Mr. Blaine is one of the most expert chauffeurs in the business.

Bradshaw, Wm.....601 Georgia Ave.  
Davis, Walter.....W. C. White  
Garrett, Chas.....ex. Walshes & Crump  
Hadden, Samuel.....Mr. Holliday  
Harris, Walter.....Dr. Hunter  
Houston, Henry.....Eaton  
Hurd, Marshall.....D. W. Fly  
Hurd, Wm.....Dr. Hunter  
Jackson, Jesse..Jerome Parker Auto Co.  
Johnson, Dan..Lilly Carriage Factory & Garage.  
Jones, Freddie..Memphis Auto Company

Master Jones is only a boy, but he has a man's knowledge of the business of a chauffeur. He is a first class chauffeur and in his knowledge of electricity he is faithfully following in the footsteps of his father, who is one of the most capable electricians in the city of Memphis.

Kyle, Wm.....Memphis Auto Co.  
Lann, Samuel                  A. L. Lowenstein  
Simpson, Henry .....G. T. Fitghugh  
Stratton, Wm. ....P. P. Williams

Mr. Stratton is an expert in the fullest application of the term, and is probably the leading chauffeur of Memphis.

Ward, Cham.....Dr. Arrington  
Webster, Lee.....A. S. Caldwell

During the summer of 1908 Mr. Webster made the most extensive itinerary of any chauffeur in Memphis. He covered a distance of 5,000 miles.

Wheeler, Thos.....J. W. Falls  
White, Will.....Mrs. Boyd  
Williams, Will.....Collins & Butler

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# Chefs

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Buchanan, Andrew .....Cordova Hotel

Mr. Buchanan is an artist in his business and meets every demand of a first-class, up-to-date hostelry.

Hall, Thomas.....Chickasaw Club

Mr. Hall has a reputation second to none in the business he has followed so long and successfully. He is one of the best.

Jackson, Sherman.....Tennessee Club

Mr. Jackson is an authority in the business of preparing for the inner man

and his cooking is of the most palatable character. No man bearing such a great military name could be otherwise than a first-class chef.

Jacobs, Chas.....Bismarck

Mr. Jacobs is one of the leading chefs of Memphis, and is capable of giving perfect satisfaction under most exacting conditions. He knows his business from a to z.

Joseph, George.....Fransioli Hotel

Mr. Joseph has made a national reputation as a high-class man in the culi-

nary department. His duties as chef in one of the leading hotels in a great city require ability of the highest order, and he has all the ability that is needed.

**Phillips, Henry..Baldwin, Knowlton & Lake's.**

Mr. Phillips is a chef of fine ability and gives first-class service in a first-class place, patronized by some of the best citizens of Memphis. Personally he is as fine a man as he is a chef. He owns an elegant home on Kimbro st., in one of the swellest subdivisions for colored people in the city of Memphis and is a good neighbor.

**Schofield, Joseph..... Waldorf**

Mr. Schofield is the popular chef of a very popular hostelry, and does his part toward maintaining the excellence of its cuisine. The name Schofield is one to be reckoned with, for it is too rare to ornament an ordinary man.

**Smith, George..... Gerber's**

Mr. Smith is one of the oldest and one of the most competent chefs catering to the patronage of the citizens of Memphis. He is a master of every department of the cooking art and is the peer of any one in the business.

**Steele, Chas..... Floyd's**

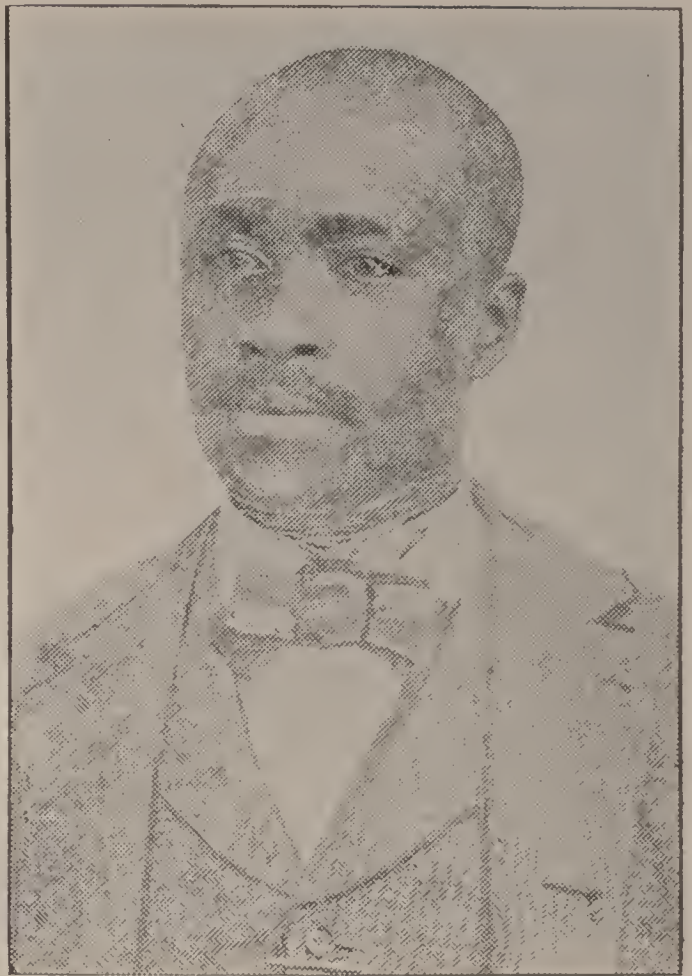
Mr. Steele is the prince of chefs or he would not hold such a responsible position with such a famous house. The chef that can satisfactorily fill such a responsible position would measure up to the requirements of the White House.

**Step, Henry..... Arlington**

Mr| Step fills one of the most responsible positions in the country, and does so with perfect satisfaction. He is an expert in all styles of cooking and service and gives satisfaction where many others would fail. So thorough is his knowledge that he can hardly rise a step higher in public estimation.

**Warren, Hal.....James Sanitorium**

Mr. Warren is a chef of experience and ability and knows his profession thoroughly.



**Winedexter, Robert..... Gaston's**

Mr. Winedexter is the right man in the right place notwithstanding the fact that the position he so ably fills is one of the most responsible in Memphis. The hotel in which he is chef is one of the leading hotels of America, and demands the very best professional ability that can be attained. Mr. Winedexter measures up to every requirement of this famous hotel, and is one of the ornaments of his profession. He can cook for every different nationality in the world, and do it well. He has been thrifty and has something to show for his many years of continuous and honorable employment.

**Young, Robert.....Business Men's Club**

Mr. Young is young in name, but old in the business of chef. He is a most capable gentleman and has his duties completely in hand. His work is so satisfactory in character that no one can improve upon it. He is both an artist and a master in his profession, and no one has a brighter future.



# Chiropodists

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**Casey, A. L.....261 Rayburn**

Mr. Casey is a chiropodist of considerable experience and capable of doing satisfactory work.

**Level, S. A.....458 Dunlap**

One of the most noted specialists in the South in the line of chiropody is Dr. S. A. Level, now of this city, but formerly of Hot Springs, Ark. For many years he has conducted in Hot Springs the leading parlors in this business, and catered to the most exclusive class of patrons in that city. Dr. Level did not accidentally get into the profession of chiropody, but he gave it careful, systematic, and conscientious study, and prepared himself for the greatest possible success in it. He passed a rigid examination in the state of New York and

received a license to practice chiropody in that great state, which he did successfully for several months before returning South to practice his profession. He has mastered this profession in its every detail. He has a patent for corns, and in its application he has scored great success. The Doctor has been a very successful man from both a professional and business standpoint. Professionally he has been for years at the head of chiropody, and as a business man he has not let the grass grow under his feet for lack of foresight and thrift; for he is one of the wealthiest real estate owners of Hot Springs, Ark. He is a polished, witty, up-to-date gentleman and a substantial acquisition to the citizenry of Memphis.

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# Churches

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## BAPTIST.

Beale Avenue Baptist Church, 383 Beale  
Rev. T. Nightingale .....Pastor  
Membership ..... 500  
Valuation of Church property..\$110,000  
Sunday School Students..... 50  
Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers ..... 6  
Sunday School Supt....Mrs. Lula Gross  
**REV. T. NIGHTINGALE, SR.**

The subject of this sketch was born in Albemarle County, Va., but was reared in Richmond. Taking into consideration the conditions that prevailed in his early youth the distinguished subject of this sketch enjoyed splendid educational advantages. He attended private schools in Ashville, Richmond, Morgantown and Memphis and finally rounded off his academic education with

courses in Roger Williams University and Central Tennessee College at Nashville, Tenn. At one time he thought that he would add to his many accomplishments the study of medicine, and in pursuance thereof he attended Meharry Medical College for two years. But he felt that he was called to preach the gospel instead of practicing medicine, and consequently he did not quite complete his medical education. He began the ministry in 1866, and has enjoyed a degree of success that has fallen to the lot of very few ministers. He was pastor of his present charge when this great church was at the zenith of its power and influence, and did much to extend the same. He is one of the best equipped ministers in the country and thoroughly prepared himself for the successful performance of his ministerial

duties. He studied theology at Roger Williams University and gained in it much of the power which has made him one of our most fluent and effective pulpit orators. He has but recently returned to his present charge after an absence of 16 or 17 years in the state of Oklahoma. where his success was but a repetition of what it had been elsewhere. The community welcomes his return to that historic old church on Beale avenue and believes that Providence has called him back to finish in his old age the duties that were so auspiciously begun in his earlier life. This church has already shown the magical effects of his presence, and is doing better than it has for years.

**Bethlehem Baptist Church....756 Ayers**

**Rev. A. L. Bartlett.....Pastor**

Residence Decatur, near Jackson.

Membership ..... 300

Valuation of Church Property...\$10,000

Sunday School Membership .... 75

Sunday School Officers and

Teachers ..... 6

Sunday School Supt., G. N. Williams.

**Working Organizations:**

Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Cora Woodard, Pres.

Seven Star Club, H. Porterfield, Pres.

**REV. A. L. BARTLETT.**

This popular and influential pastor was born in the very shadow of the city of Memphis, and near the little town whose name he bears—Bartlett, Tenn. He has been engaged in the gospel ministry since 1884. He was ordained Oct. 1, 1890. It has been his good fortune that he and the members of his present charge have dwelt in such Christian harmony that he has been in continual charge since his ordination—a period of over 18 years. It has not been considered beneath his dignity for him to make preparation for his exalted calling, and consequently he has taken advantage of the theological instruction given at Howe

Institute, and has been the better able to expound the Word. In addition to being the pastor of Bethlehem Church he is the beloved pastor of Little John Church, near Cuba, Tenn. He is president of the Ministerial Alliance of this city and also president of Friendship Sunday School Convention. His church is a member of the Friendship Baptist Association. Rev. Bartlett is a great power for good among the Baptists of Tennessee, and has done much to promote their spiritual and material growth. His church is one of the leading local churches and a credit to the denomination. He is a worthy Christian gentleman of a broad and enduring sympathy and is destined to succeed in the future as he has always succeeded in the past.

**Bloomfield Baptist Church..W. Virginia**

**Rev. T. H. Holston.....Pastor**

**Cedar Grove Baptist Church..Wallace & Long.**

**Rev. Wm. Walton.....Pastor**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church.112 Henry ave.**

**Rev. R. T. Scott.....Pastor**

Residence, 114 Henry Ave.

Organized in 1882.

Membership ..... 175

Valuation of Church Property...\$10,000

Sunday School Membership..... 75

Number of Officers and Teachers 7

Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Priscilla Williams.

**Working Organizations:**

Key Flower Club, Mrs. Fannie Sibley, Pres.

Willing Workers' Club, Mrs. Abbie Powell, Pres.

Morning Star Club, Mrs. Bettie Crenshaw, Pres.

**REV. R. T. SCOTT.**

This well-known and highly respected minister was born in the state of Mississippi—a state highly productive of ministerial talent. He entered the ministry in 1888 and has been pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church for the past five years. He has not overlooked the necessity of preparing himself for his ministerial



duties for he has embraced the opportunity of taking special work in theology at Howe Institute under the able instruction of the noted theologians of this great denominational school. In the five years of his connection with Ebenezer he has shown himself to be a good pastor and an able financier. In the first three years of his pastorate he paid off an incumbrance of \$1,100 which he found awaiting his labors. In the five years of his pastorate he has collected nearly \$6,000, built up the congregation, and erected a handsome church that is a credit not only to his section of the city but to the whole city of Memphis. He is a preacher that holds an honorable place in the confidence of his fellow ministers. His church is a member of the General Association. He is secretary of the Ministers' Alliance, secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association, and secretary of the Seven Church Union. He is also a trustee of Howe Institute. He is an earnest, faithful and capable laborer in the Master's vineyard, and at all times and on all occasions endeavors to do the best he can.

**First Missionary Baptist Church,**  
495 St. Paul.  
**Rev. T. O. Fuller, A.M., Ph.D., Pastor**  
Residence St. Paul Ave.  
Membership ..... 350  
Valuation of Church Property..\$17,000  
Sunday School Membership ..... 60  
Sunday School officers and teachers ..... 7  
Sunday School Supt, W. T. Livingston.

**Working Organizations:**  
Industrial Club, Miss Lula J. Hobson,  
Pres.  
Harmony Club, Mrs. J. W. Thomas,  
Pres.  
Olive Branch Club, Mrs. Wright Moore,  
Pres.  
B. Y. P. U., John White, Jr., Pres.

**REV. T. O. FULLER, A.M., Ph.D.**  
Every race in order to reach its highest possibilities must have intelligent and progressive leadership. A fountain

cannot rise higher than its source, and this principle of philosophy may, figuratively speaking, be applied to the fortunes of every people. The Negro race of the whole country is fortunate in having such a worthy leader as Dr. Fuller. He is a man of good judgment, prudence and fearless action in the right. He is not a radical or extremist in any respect but on the contrary his mind leads toward conservatism and toleration of other people's opinions besides his own. The peculiar conditions affecting the races in the South require men that are anxious to promote the spirit of harmony, peace and good will between the two races. Providence seemingly has decreed that the Negro race must continue to live in this Southland, and this being the case, it behooves every man that is anxious for the welfare of his race to make the most of the conditions that surround him. A prudent, sensible man can live and prosper anywhere in this country and no other section of this country presents greater opportunities and possibilities for the Negro race than the South. Dr. Fuller seems to have realized this fact in early life and bent all the energies of his powerful mind in the ceaseless effort to give an exposition of this fact to the world. The doctrine of peace and good will toward all mankind is the fundamental principle of Holy Writ and it is thus befitting that a minister of the gospel should take the lead in advancing it and preaching it for the welfare of humanity. Next to Dr. Booker Washington Dr. T. O. Fuller is the leading apostle of peace among the colored leaders of the South, and he has an influence with the good people of both races that is second to no other colored man.  
This distinguished and eminent educator, orator and divine is a product of the Old North State, and the buoyancy of his nature and the towering charac-

ter of his mind seem to have been given him by the lofty mountains of his native State. He is one of the best educated men in America. He is an alumnus of the classical department of Shaw University and a favorite son of this famous institution of learning. He received his A.M. degree in 1893, three years after his graduation, and his degree of Ph. D. in 1906. He was prominently connected with political life in his native State and was honored by his constituents with a seat in the Senate of the State of North Carolina, which he filled for two years. In the legislative reports of the session during which he was a member of the Senate many compliments were bestowed upon him by all classes because of his extraordinary powers as an orator. He filled this high position with great credit, and demonstrated the intellectual and moral powers of the Negro when he has been fortunate enough to enjoy good educational advantages.

He began the ministry in 1887 and in it he has been an unqualified success. Since taking charge of the First Missionary Baptist Church of this city he has built up the congregation to large proportions, paid off church debts and erected a handsome church edifice. He is a pulpit orator without a superior and a man gifted to an extraordinary degree.

**First Baptist Church 4th and Sycamore**  
**Rev. W. H. Heard .....Pastor**

Residence, 537 Leath

Membership ..... 1,000

Valuation of Church property...\$20,000

Sunday School Membership..... 150

Sunday School Officers and Teachers ..... 10

Sunday School Supt., H. Hinton.

#### **Working Organizations:**

Willing Workers Club, Miss Lillie Jones, President.

Company B, D. Hammond, Pres.

Company C, H. Keely, Pres,

Company D, J. W. Watson, Pres.

Company E, William Brown, Pres.

Company F. Wm. Stiggers, Pres.

#### **REV. W. H. HEARD.**

This well-known and handsome minister was born in the State of Mississippi just as were most of his associates in the gospel ministry. He has been an active force for good since he began the ministry, in 1892, and no other pastor in Memphis is more highly regarded and



**REV. W. H. HEARD**

more dearly loved. He has been pastor of the First Baptist church of North Memphis since 1897 and has wrought wonders for his church. His membership under his spiritual guidance has increased until it is one of the largest in the State, and the responsibilities of his position have increased in like proportion. He is endowed by nature with a bright mind that is capable of turning every condition to advantage. His sermons are models of good, hard common sense and exhibit a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. They sparkle with wit and logic and are convincing to the simplest mind. He received his theological training at Howe Institute and has for this reason been given greater power for usefulness. For eight



years he has been Moderator of the General Association of Baptist Churches and has discharged his duties with such signal ability that he has been repeatedly named to succeed himself. He is vice-president of the Baptist State Convention. He is also a member of the Finance Committee of the National Baptist Convention. While he has been a power in church circles in Tennessee he has not neglected the material affairs of life. In his getting he has gotten both understanding and money. He is a practical Christian and does not believe that the ownership of some of the goods of this world will shut him out of the kingdom to come. He has an elegant home at 537 Leath street, in a very desirable section of the city and his appearance and general prosperity indicate that he is in daily receipt of the Master's blessings. He is First Vice-President of the Pythian Bank and Trust Company of this city, and a citizen that is universally respected and honored.

**Gilfield Baptist Church..32 E. Va. Ave.**  
**Rev. J. W. Ribbins.....Pastor**  
Residence Silver Age Ave.

Organized in 1879.  
Membership ..... 600  
Valuation of Church Property..\$15,000  
Sunday School Membership..... 40  
Sunday School officers and teachers ..... 6  
Sunday School Supt, Wm. Crooms.

**Working Organizations:**  
Gilfield Working Club, Mrs. Jane Falk, Pres.  
Busy Bee Club, Mrs. L. V. Curry, Pres.  
The Willing Club, Mrs. Jenette Morris, Pres.  
Church Organist, Mrs. Alice Taylor.

**REV. J. W. RIBBINS.**  
The worthy and talented pastor of Gilfield Baptist Church is Rev. J. W. Ribbins, who has been engaged in the gospel ministry since 1901. He is a native of the Old Volunteer State, and consequently cannot lay claim to the nativity that most of his fellow ministers can. The greater part of his life has been spent in the teachers' profession, and the good that he has done in

it cannot be estimated. His rule of life has been to do his whole duty in every capacity, and it is the belief of his friends that he has faithfully done so. He has been connected with the schools of Shelby county for eleven years and ranks first among the teachers in efficiency and faithful performance of duty. His literary training was largely acquired at LeMoyne Institute, but he added greatly to this by his own diligent and faithful study. His preparation for the ministry has been systematic and thorough. He has carefully studied and assimilated Pendleton's Compendium of Theology. a valuable work for ministers of the gospel. He is yet a very young man and as God unfolds to him the mysteries of divine truth and gives to him understanding and knowledge he will have literally a tongue of fire with which to expound the Word. He is already a gifted preacher and one of the best in Memphis, and with additional training and experience he'll become one of the greatest in the land. He has been at his present charge but a few months, yet there is thus early the great reviving of this glorious old church and the outlook under his forceful and able leadership is favorable for this great church's recovering its lost ground and again becoming in the future, as it was in the past, one of the leading churches of Memphis.

**Golden Leaf Baptist Church....Neptune**  
**Rev. J. J. Broach .....Pastor**  
**Gospel Temple .....N. Manassas**  
**Rev. F. T. Thomas .....Pastor**  
**Jackson Ave. Baptist Church, 565 Auction.**  
**Rev. B. R. Bell, .....Pastor**  
Residence 553 Leath St.

Organized in 1900.  
Membership ..... 450  
Valuation of Church Property..\$18,000  
Sunday School Membership ..... 52  
S. S. Officers and Teachers ..... 6  
Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Sarah Young.

**Working Organizations:**  
Old People's Club, Miss Bettie Graham, Pres.  
Young Peoples' Club, Miss Hattie Payne, Pres.

**REV. B. R. BELL.**

The subject of this sketch was born in the beautiful State of Alabama. For thirty years he has been laboring in the Master's vineyard, and the good that he has done is inestimable. Before coming to Memphis to locate he was a resident of Vicksburg, Miss., where he was very successful in his ministerial labors. For, in that city alone, he built three churches and in the surrounding country he built one or two others. He has made a great reputation as a financial worker and has achieved one of his greatest successes in the beautiful church edifice in which he is now holding forth on Auction avenue. He is connected with journalism and is editor of the Memphis Baptist Herald, one of the leading organs of the Baptist denomination. In many respects Rev. Bell is a remarkable man. He has grit, persistence and undying determination to succeed. He has made his own way and is regarded in every respect as a successful man and a worthy minister. He is the father of Dr. G. P. Bell, one of our leading dentists, and in this son Rev. Bell has a worthy reproduction of himself in every respect.

Lebanon Baptist Church ....735 Florida  
Rev. R. J. Petty .....Pastor  
Residence 735 Florida.

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Membership .....                 | 300     |
| Valuation of Church Property...  | \$7,000 |
| Sunday School Membership ....    | 60      |
| S. S. Officers and Teachers..... | 8       |
| Sunday School Supt., M. Allen.   |         |

**Working Organizations:**

Women's Working Club, Mrs. Matilda Terrell, Pres.  
Mission Society, Mrs. Alice Phillips, Pres.  
Mission Sunshine Band, Mrs. Hannah Griggs, Pres.  
Young Peoples' Social and Literary Club, Mrs. Irene McNewsom, Pres.  
B. Y. P. U., Moses Caldwell, Pres.

**REV. R. J. PETTY.**

It has been a principle of Rev. Petty's life never to take a second position in any worthy cause when the first position was available; and this trait in his

character is shown in his choice of a place for his nativity, for he, like all the other great preachers of Memphis, with few exceptions, was born in the State of Mississippi. Though a native of that State a great part of his life has been spent in the State of Arkansas, where he still has great real estate and business interests. In fact, he is as prominent in financial and business circles as he is in the gospel ministry. In early life he did not enjoy the splendid educational advantages that the youth of today enjoy, but he was nevertheless ambitious to learn and took advantage of every opportunity to strengthen his

**REV. R. J. PETTY**

mind. He attended LeMoyne Normal Institute and other private schools in Memphis. The author had the pleasure of attending with Rev. Petty the splendid private school that was conducted at Beale Avenue Church by that great educator and extraordinary man, Rev. R. N. Countee, over a quarter of a century ago. Rev. Petty began work in the ministry in 1875, and is thus one of the trained veterans in the ministerial calling. He has been very successful in the ministry and has accomplished untold good. He is Vice-President of Edward L. Simon & Co.'s printing establishment. He is also President of the Edmundson Home and Improvement Company, of Edmundson, Ark., which is composed of the wealthiest and most prominent colored citizens of that section. This company has for its object the development and improvement of that vast section around Edmundson, Ark., that



is owned by the colored people. He is a live, progressive race man, and is never so interested as when he is promoting some worthy race enterprise. He is a safe, conservative leader of his people and enjoys a degree of confidence on the part of both races that few colored men enjoy. The word "Petty" means "small," but in this instance it means a mighty big man.

**Macedonia Baptist Church..644 Walker**  
**Rev. D. L. Davis.....Pastor**  
Residence 735 Williams Ave.  
Membership ..... 600  
Valuation of Church Property..\$15,000  
Sunday School Membership .... 112  
S. S. Officers and Teachers..... 10  
Sunday School Snpt., Mrs. M. L. Davis.

**Working Organizations:**

Roosevelt Club No. 1, Mrs. Perry, Pres.  
Davis Club No. 2, Mrs. Friarson, Pres.  
Deacon's Club No. 3, J. McDonald, Pres.  
Church Club No. 4, John Arnold, Pres.

**REV. D. L. DAVIS.**

The famous Blue Grass State has done the State of Tennessee a great service in giving to it one of Kentucky's native sons in the person of the reverend gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch. He has been engaged in the ministry since 1894 and has served in Shelbyville, Tenn., Chattanooga and Memphis. He has had wonderful success in the financial department of church work. While in Chattanooga he paid off a church debt of several thousand dollars and added 300 members to the church. He has served his present charge for ten years, and has shown himself to be a minister of great influence and power. Under his guidance Macedonia Church has become one of the leading churches of Memphis. Over two hundred members have been added to this church during his pastorate. His great financial ability has enabled them to erect a handsome church edifice in which all take great pride. He is re-

garded with great favor by his fellow-ministers and has been honored by them with the position of Moderator of Riverside Baptist Association. He has been a successful man not only in the ministry, but in the material affairs of life. He has a nice residence on Williams avenue in this city and is regarded by all as a worthy and substantial citizen. His estimable wife is of great service to him in his ministerial duties and is a talented and useful woman.

**Metropolitan Baptist Church..206 Vance**  
**Rev. T. J. Searcy.....Pastor**  
Residence 385 St. Cynthia Pl.  
Membership ..... 650  
Valuation of Church Property...\$20,000  
Sunday School Membersh.ip.... 125  
S. S. Officers and Teachers..... 12  
Sunday School Supt., Wm. Lane.

**Working Organizations:**

White Ribbon Circle, Henry Porter, Pres.  
Deborah Circle, Mrs. Addie Isabel, Pres.  
Lily of the Valley Club, Mrs. Mary Moore, Pres.  
B. Y. P. U., A. T. Geter, Pres.

**REV. T. J. SEARCY.**

It is the good fortune of some men to be known, appreciated, esteemed and loved by everybody. Some men possess personal traits and qualities that attract all others to them. Some of the learned writers call this quality personal magnetism. By whatever name this quality may be known we are certain of the fact that Rev. T. J. Searcy possesses it to a remarkable degree. The subject of this sketch was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., November 4, 1852. In giving this date the author makes a radical departure; for he has not up to this time in his various narratives written the date of birth of any other minister and the reason why the author does so in this particular instance is that this popular minister takes such great pride in his age that seemingly he wants the whole world to know it. Many





REV. T. J. SEARCY

a time in his discourses to his congregation he has referred to the fact that he was born a slave and has laughed because of his inability nowadays to find many others that have had a similar experience. To him it seems no disgrace to have been born a slave, but rather a distinction for him to have become such a prominent man in spite of such humble origin. Coming along in the times that he did and being a boy

on the farm, he did not enjoy the great opportunities of learning that are without stint given to the youth of today. He had to get a catch-as-catch-can education, and this mode of acquiring an education has been so deeply instilled in his nature that he has been ever since catching at every opportunity for self-improvement that he could. He is a ceaseless student and tireless worker and is just as ambitious today to acquire



knowledge and power emanating from it as he was when a mere youth.

In addition to the minor advantages of school training that he enjoyed in his home county he attended Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn., and there he added to his inspiration and ambition to become a great and useful man. He has always desired to be a great man but he has desired more to be a useful man, a man that would be a perfect instrument in the hands of the Master for service to his people. He was ordained May 7, 1883, and has for a generation ministered to the spiritual needs of the people of Memphis. No other minister in the state of Tennessee stands higher than he in the councils of the Baptist denomination, and no one has received greater honors. Roger Williams University conferred upon him the title of Doctor of Divinity as a faint testimonial of its appreciation of his great ability. Dr. Searcy is a man endowed to a remarkable degree with common sense and good judgment. He is a natural born philosopher that knows humanity from every possible standpoint, and how to deal with it in order to gain the best results. He is a student of human nature and what he cannot accomplish in his dealings with his fellow-men very few people are capable of accomplishing. In this community he has always filled a unique position in respect to the interests and welfare of the two races. He has been a promoter of peace and good will between the races. He has been indefatigable in his efforts to do good, wise in counsel and conservative in action. When any great crisis in the affairs of his race arises the responsibility of its adjustment falls upon his willing shoulders, and he has never failed to bring matters to a reasonable and satisfactory conclusion. If the Creator had made him a member of the Caucasian race he would have been one of the great-

est diplomats of empire or republic. He could have graced the court of St. James with the same equanimity that he graces his pulpit and the results would have been as satisfactory.

He is a man of great versatility. He is a wit of unusual ability and his happy and appropriate sallies can convulse an audience at will. He is an orator that can do justice to any occasion, and his services in various capacities are in great demand. Whether in the domain of education, politics, or religion, he is equally ready for service. As a preacher he has a following second to none in Memphis. His sermons are the masterly efforts of a master mind and show him to be the real philosopher that he is. His church on Vance avenue is one of the most substantial, elegant, and up-to-date church edifices in Memphis, and is a monument to his indefatigable labors. Among his many honors he is chairman of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention. He holds many other honors both in this city and state which it is not necessary to mention, but greater than any of these is the hold he has in the esteem and affections of his people. He has one of the nicest residences in the city of Memphis, located in the most fashionable section of Memphis. His devoted wife is a cultured, refined and useful woman, and has done much to make her husband's ministry a success.

**Middle Baptist Church. .465 Alabama St.**  
**Rev. Wm. Winfield.....Pastor**

Home residence, Brownsville, Tenn.

City residence, 303 Dunlap St.

Organized .....1866  
Membership ..... 200  
Valuation of church property....\$15,000  
Sunday School membership..... 100  
Sunday School officers & teachers 11  
Sunday School Supt., H. Green.

**Working Organizations:**

White Ribbon Club, Rev. Wm. Winfield,  
Pres.

Blue Ribbon Club, No. 10, Miss E. G. Green, Pres.

Cresco Club, Eddie Green, Pres.

Busy Bee Club, H. Green, Pres.

Club of Dan, No. 8, W. H. Wallace, Pres.

Club No. 6, Wm. Pryor, Pres.

Club No. 4, Robert Turner, Pres.

#### REV. WM. WINFIELD.

There is much that is true in the law of heredity. Not only do we inherit the physical qualities of our parents, but we inherit their mental, moral, and spiritual attributes. Such seems to be illustrated in the life of Rev. Winfield, of Middle Baptist Church, for he is a faithful reproduction of his sainted father, Rev. Martin Winfield, who was one of the great preachers of a generation ago. The reverend subject of this sketch was born at Brownsville, Tenn., where he still resides. Though comparatively a young man in age he is old in ministerial service, having entered the ministry in 1888. He was ordained in 1892.

A great part of his life was spent in the teacher's profession and extended over a period of ten years. He showed the same earnest spirit in the teacher's profession which characterizes him as a minister of the Gospel. He was educated in the Brownsville High School and Roger Williams University, and his every action is indicative of a broad and cultured mind. His theological training has not been neglected. Each year has but added to his preparation for his great life work. He pursued a theological course under Dr. Traver at Howe Institute, and has supplemented this course by constant and systematic study of the holy word. He has been pastor of Middle Baptist Church for six years and has proved himself to be the right man in the right place. That he is an able financier may be seen by the results of his labors. His church has been renovated and improved until both its interior and exterior are models of

elegance and beauty. His church affiliates with the West Tennessee Baptist Association, of which he is treasurer. He is a member of the Board of Incorporators of Howe Institute. He is a modest, quiet, unpretentious minister of the Gospel bent upon doing the business of the Great Teacher. He has well succeeded thus far and under God's providence he will be destined to achieve even greater results.

#### Morning Star Baptist Church, 207 Linden

Rev. C. W. Graham.....Pastor  
 Membership .....175  
 Sunday School membership..... 40  
 Sunday School officers & teachers... 3  
 Sunday School Supt., Miss V. A. Haynes

#### Working Organizations:

Woman's Christian Mission, Miss Anna Fields, Pres.

Young People's Club, Miss Lucile Scott, Pres.

Pastor's Committee, A. Fields, Pres.

#### REV. C. W. GRAHAM.

The subject of this sketch is little in size but big in ambition. He has been an active, progressive force among the ministers of Memphis and has impressed his personality on all. He has done much for his people, and has shown himself to be a prudent and conservative leader.

#### Morning View Baptist Church..Lauderdale and Essex.

Rev. J. L. Lewis.....Pastor  
 Residence, 701 Polk Ave.  
 Membership ..... 55  
 Valuation of church property.....\$1,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 25  
 Sunday School officers & teachers . 6  
 Sunday School Supt., James R. Lee.

#### Working Organizations:

Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Florida Scales, Pres.

Busy Bee Club, Mrs. Alice Shaw, Pres.



REV. J. L. LEWIS.

This quiet, gentlemanly and well-known minister first opened his eyes in the state of Mississippi. He enjoyed very good educational advantages and attended the State Normal School of Mississippi, when it was at its zenith. Ambitious to do something for his people, as soon as he was qualified to do so, he entered the teacher's profession and continued in it seven years. But it was not his inclination to continue in that profession, because he felt that he was called to expound God's holy word. He began the ministry in 1893 and has held some responsible charges in which number may be named Beale Avenue Baptist Church—the mother church of the Baptist denomination. He is connected with both the Riverside Baptist Association and the General Baptist Association. He is a worthy minister and a good citizen.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church..565 Suzette  
Rev. W. W. Whitton .....Pastor  
Residence, 9 Lumpkin.

Membership ..... 120  
Valuation of church property....\$,6000  
Sunday School membership..... 40  
Sunday School officers & teachers 4  
Sunday School Supt., Mr. Phillips.

Working Organizations:

Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, Pres.  
Morning Star Club, Mrs. Wheeler, Pres.

REV. W. W. WHITTON.

This well-known and able pastor is a native of Louisiana. He was ordained in the gospel ministry in 1886 and has pastored in Memphis for the past twelve years. His preparation for the ministry was thorough. His studies were pursued under Dr. Broaddus, of Grenada, Miss., one of the ablest theologians and divines in America. Rev. Whitton has had long experience in the pastorate. Before coming to Memphis he filled with credit some of the most prominent

charges in the state of Mississippi. He pastored churches at Refuge, Rolling Fork, Mound Bayou, and other towns in that State. In the city of Memphis alone he has baptized and received into the church over 500 souls. While in Mississippi he was president of the largest Baptist Association in the state. This association had 144 churches. He is chairman of the executive board of Natchez College, and vice-president of the National Baptist Convention. At the last session of this great convention at Lexington, Ky., he had the honor of presiding over this distinguished body for one-half day, or until the re-election of Dr. Morris.

Rev. Whitton is an able preacher and a live, up-to-date citizen. He believes in education and religion, and that both of these are necessary for the solution of the great race problem.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church....Buntyn Station.  
Rev. W. H. Heard.....Pastor  
Residence, 537 Leath.

Membership ..... 380  
Valuation of church property....\$6,000  
Sunday School membership..... 125  
Sunday School officers & teachers 7  
Sunday School Supt., Chas. Washington

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 630 S. Somerville.  
Rev. Isaac Cotton ..... Pastor  
Residence, Germantown, Tenn.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 857 Jefferson  
Rev. J. J. Totten.....Pastor  
Residence, 203 Beale Ave.

Membership ..... 200  
Valuation of church property....\$3,500  
Sunday School membership..... 30  
Sunday School officers & teachers 6  
Sunday School Supt., L. E. Harrison.

REV. J. J. TOTTEN.

Nature seems to have done its best when it created the distinguished looking subject of this sketch. Of course, he was born in Mississippi, for only the

soil and climate of this great state can produce such a noble specimen of physical manhood. He is a man of splendid education and superior ability. He graduated from the famous State Normal School, which was located at Holly Springs. He taught school only one session. He took a theological course under Dr. Ayers at Jackson Baptist College, and was well trained for success in the ministry in whose work he was first engaged in 1887. For many years he has been prominently identified with the fraternities and at one time was deputy grand master of the United Brothers of Friendship.

He is superintendent of Foreign Missions for the state of Mississippi. He is a member of the Foreign Board of fifty elected to go to Scotland to the international meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. This is an honor of unusual importance and a timely recognition of his splendid ability. He is connected with both the Riverside Baptist Association and the West Tennessee Baptist Association. His connection with his present charge is but recent; yet, there has been already manifested on the part of his members increased interest in the affairs of the church, and this interest will result in great spiritual benefit to all concerned.

**Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church..Maulden**

**Rev. A. Gillespie.....Pastor**

**Mt. Vernon Baptist Church..Wellington**

**Rev. C. H. Hayes.....Pastor**

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church.....S. Main**

**Rev. M. H. House.....Pastor**

**New Prospect Baptist Church..132 E. Butler.**

**Rev. N. S. Sanders.....Pastor**

Residence, 23 N. Lumpkin.

Organized .....1896

Membership ..... 1,000

Valuation of church property...\$40,000

Sunday School membership..... 100

Sunday Schol teachers & officers 10

Sunday School Supt., S. C. Coleman.

### REV. N. S. SANDERS.

Of course this popular gospel minister was born in the state of Mississippi, just as most of the others. In these days there is much of a criticizing nature said concerning the state of Mississippi, but when we think calmly and dispassionately the great state of Mississippi has done wonders for the negro race. If the conditions in that state are so hostile to the interests and welfare of the race it is strange that the race should thrive so well and even prosper in that state. It is probable that such experience as the colored people have in Mississippi is just what is needed to drive them together into a united body.

Rev. Sanders began the ministry in 1892. He has been pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church since 1896, and in this capacity he has wrought wonders for his church. It is one of the largest and most attractive churches in Memphis. Its active membership is probably the largest in Memphis, and this single fact gives but a faint idea of his success among his people and their unqualified confidence in him. He is not only a splendid pastor but he is a great financier, and the substantial edifice over which he presides is evidence of this fact.

He has a splendid theological library and has given to this library systematic study and effort. He is a magnetic preacher and has the most persistent and enthusiastic following of any of the local preachers. His influence with his people is wonderful and no other man can supplant him in their affections. He is a man of becoming appearance and attractive personality and numbers a host of people among his friends. His church is a member of the Riverside Baptist Association of which he is treasurer.



**New Salem Baptist Church, 957 S. Third**  
**Rev. J. F. Bradshaw.....Pastor**

In the year of 1860, at the very beginning of the civil conflict which deluged this nation in blood, the life of the subject of this sketch was ushered into existence. Bereaved at an early age by the death of his father, and having to brave the battles of life with eight other brothers and sisters in the same condition, his past life was not strewn with flowers. It was beset with many sacrifices, self-denials, hardships and difficulties. His educational, advantages were poor and he might not have had any at all if it had not been for his great determination to be something in life. He took advantage of night schol and private instruction to strengthen his mind, and in many respects he has succeeded in life far beyond what many others with greater opportunities have done. He began the ministry in 1886 and has for years been an effective servant in the gospel ministry.

**Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, N. Second and Looney.**

**Rev. D. B. Cleveland.....Pastor**  
Residence, 654 N. Second.  
Membership ..... 305  
Valuation of church property...\$20,000  
Sunday School membership.... 100  
Sunday School officers & teachers 9  
Sunday School Supt., G. C. Claiborne.

**Working Organizations:**

Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Annie Phillips, Pres.  
B. Y. P. U., Mr. Clay, Pres.

**REV. D. B. CLEVELAND.**

The splendid physical proportions of the subject of this sketch are very much suggestive of those of his distinguished fellow namesake, the lamented ex-President of the United States, Hon. Grover Cleveland, and his intellectual power is strongly in the same direction. Contrary to the usual order of things he

is a native of the state of Arkansas; but this fact seems to have preyed so heavily on his mind in early youth that he was compelled to cross over into Mississippi, where he passed the greater part of his life, and from which state he came directly to Memphis to fill the pastorate of his present charge. Rev. Cleveland is a veteran in the gospel ministry, having begun to preach in 1876. The fact that he ranks with the best preachers in the land is due to his careful and thorough preparation for the ministry. In addition to an extensive reading of systematic theology by himself alone, he took a course of training at Wilberforce Theological Seminary. He has served the welfare of his race in more than onecapacity. For sixteen years he labored with great success in the teacher's profession and made for himself a reputation for ability not less than he has gained in the gospel ministry. For two years of that time he was President of Broom's Institute, Talulah, La., and in this capacity he showed executive and administrative ability of the highest order. For five years he was editor of the Saturday Times of Hollandale, Miss., the organ of the Baptist Association of Washington County, and a journal of vast circulation and wide influence, not only among the people of that section but among the people of the whole state. He is a trustee of Natchez College—a leading denominational school of Mississippi, and a member of the state convention of Mississippi. He is an able minister and a great acquisition to the pulpits of Memphis, and under his able leadership Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, a power among the churches of Memphis, and a center from which will radiate a thousand influences for the uplift and betterment of our people.

**Rock of Ages Baptist Church, 710 S. Wellington.**

**Rev. Griffith.....Pastor**

St. John Baptist Church, 59 N. Lauderdale.

Rev. Wm. J. McMichael.....Pastor  
Residence, 755 Williams Ave.

Membership ..... 800

Valuation of church property....\$30,000

Sunday School membership..... 125

Sunday School officers & teachers 15

Sunday School Supt., M. D. Cash.

#### Working Organizations:

Ladies' Aid Association, Mrs. R. H. Fleming, Pres.

Ladies Bible Band Union, Mrs. Maggie L. Lake, Pres.

Juvenile Club, Miss Hattie McMichael, Pres.

B. Y. P. U., .....M. Strickland, Pres.

#### Other Church Officials:

Church Clerk.....M. D. Cash

Chorister .....C. H. Sims

Organist.....Miss Mary E. McMichael

#### REV. WM. J. M'MICHAEL.

Some people are born great while others have greatness thrust upon them. The popular subject of this sketch undoubtedly belongs to the former class, if real greatness is to be measured by one's achievements. Rev. McMichael was born in the great state of Georgia, and it is probable that he acquired in the atmosphere of that state the ambition to achieve great things. His life has not been passed on flowery beds of ease, but nearly every moment has been taken up in performing the stern realities and duties of life.

He entered the ministry at Corinth, Miss., in 1877, and was ordained in 1878. Of course, he had to go to Mississippi in order to become great. His whole ministerial life has been passed within a radius of 100 miles of Memphis, which shows that a prophet is not always without honor in his own country. He attended the common schools and for a short while pursued a course at Roger Williams University; but owing to the pressing demand for ministers of the

gospel he could not pursue for any length of time his studies at that great institution of learning, but decided to obey the Macedonian call for servants in the Master's work.

He has been pastor of St. John Church for twenty years, and through his efforts the growth of this church has been marvelous. It is a commodious and beautiful structure and reflects great credit upon both pastor and members. Rev. McMichael is trustee of Howe Institute, general agent for Foreign Mission work, member of the Board of Foreign Missions, and moderator of the West Tennessee Baptist Association. From many standpoints the Lord has blessed him. His ministerial labors have been crowned with success and his efforts to rear a worthy family have resulted similarly. He is one of the leading pastors of Memphis and enjoys the respect and love of all classes.

St. Mark Baptist Church.....N. Front

Rev. J. M. Fountain.....Pastor  
Residence, 662 N. Second.

Membership .....88

Sunday School membership.....20

Sunday School officers & teachers.... 2

Sunday School Supt., Wm. Savage.

The church presided over by Rev. Fountain is not so large and important as some of the other churches in Memphis, but nevertheless there is much in its history that is worthy of mention. Most of the credit for this church's very existence is due to the efforts of Rev. Fountain. Considering what he has done his work in comparison has not been less effective than the work that has been done by the great ministers in the larger churches. The fact is that the humble work of those in the lesser positions of life is not noticed to the extent that the work of those in the more important positions is. He has done great work and his labors are daily receiving the Master's blessing.



St. Paul Baptist Church, 327 Jackson Av.  
Rev. A. L. Hall, M.D., D.D.....Pastor  
Residence, 1292 Kansas.

Membership ..... 150  
Valuation of church property...\$35,000  
Sunday School membership..... 45  
Sunday School officers & teachers 6  
Sunday School Supt., J. B. Bowman.

**Working Organizations:**

Gideon Club...Mrs. Rebecca Green, Pres.  
Volunteers....Miss Lillian Bowles, Pres.  
Club No. 8.....Mrs. Ida Payne, Pres.  
Club No. 6.....James Parker, Pres.  
Club No. 5....Mrs. Idella Bentley, Pres.  
Club No. 2.....N. Morris, Pres.



REV. A. L. HALL, M.D., D.D.

Again the state of Alabama comes to the front in order to furnish the state of Tennessee one of its most distinguished native sons in the person of Dr. A. L. Hall, of Memphis, Tenn. Few men of our race are more gifted than he. He is classed among the intellectual giants of the race, and well does he sustain his classification. His educational advantage were good and his training the best. He attended schools in Lebanon and Memphis, and pursued a course at

Roger Williams University. He began the ministry in 1880, and thus has seen long and valuable service for the Master. He is probably one of the most gifted and versatile of the ministers of Memphis. He is a great preacher, great orator, a prolific writer and a regular practicing physician. He is author of "A Theological Explanation of the Scriptures, with Sermons and Religious Denominations." He is, also, the author of the well-known book "The Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern Greatness of the Negro." These two books show the wonderful grasp of his mind, and if he had done nothing else they would still show that he has a mind of remarkable power. He was editor and owner of the Memphis Striker—the first and only daily newspaper that was ever published by the colored people. As a theologian he has no superior among his local fellow workers, and as a pulpit orator he has few equals. His labors as physician and minister are very great, and only a mind wonderfully endowed can stand the strain without injury. Financially he is rated among the solid citizens of Memphis. He is a fine business man and his judgment is sound on all business matters. As a leader he is faithful to what he considers as for the best interest of the race, and his record has been one of great service and usefulness to his people.

St. Stephens Baptist Church, 506 N. Third  
Rev. O. C. Maxwell.....Pastor  
Residence, 1096 Kimbrough.

Organized .....1888  
Founder .....Rev. T. A. Scott  
Membership ..... 500  
Valuation of church property....\$15,000  
Sunday School membership..... 131  
Sunday School officers & teachers 7  
Sunday School Supt., E. C. Wright.

**Working Organizations:**

Young People's Working Club, Mrs. Sarah Macklin, Pres.  
Christian Endeavor Club, Mrs. Amanda Miller, Pres.



REV. O. C. MAXWELL.

In all the various narratives of the ministers that we have written up to this section of this book, we do not remember a single one that claims the city of Memphis as the place of his birth. A happy departure from this rule, however, is in the case of Rev. O. C. Maxwell, who was born within the corporate limits of Memphis. He is quite a young man, and it is creditable enough for him

that he has seen three years of service in the ministry, and it is a singular fact that he is at the head of the very church that was founded and pastored by his sainted father-in-law, the Rev. T. A. Scott. He has been a successful pastor and has added 200 members to the church in the three years of his pastorate. No year has passed by in which his church collections did not amount to at least



\$2,000. He is very ambitious to excel in the ministry and to merit the highest honors of his calling. He has a bright future and is carefully laying the foundation on which great and enduring success may be laid. He is a constant student and has a valuable library of theological works. He is secretary of the Executive Board of Howe Institute, and treasurer of Friendship Baptist Association. He is an effective preacher and a lovable pastor, who ministers to his flock in season and out of season in order to promote their temporal and spiritual welfare. He is a worthy successor to a great and God-fearing man.

**Salem Baptist Church....23 W. Carolina**  
**Rev. Wm. Thomas.....Pastor**  
 Residence, 1351 Kentucky.

Membership ..... 300  
 Valuation of church property....\$30,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 50  
 Sunday School officers & teachers 6  
 Sunday School Supt., W. S. Towns.

#### **Working Organizations:**

Bible Band, Mrs. Mittie Gibson, Pres.  
 Clemmon's Circle Club, Miss Ella Purdy,  
 Pres.  
 Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Anna Berry,  
 Pres.  
 B. Y. P. U., Joseph Cottrell, Pres.

#### **REV. WM. THOMAS.**

Again the state of Mississippi comes forward and provides for Tennessee another one of Tennessee's successful ministers. In youth Rev. Thomas did not enjoy good educational advantages and consequently he has tried to make up by self-application the deficiencies incident to his lack of advantages in early life. He has pursued Bible studies under Dr. T. O. Fuller at Howe Institute.

He began the ministry in 1895, and has been pastor of Salem Baptist Church for the past three years. His term of service has been peaceful and prosperous. Instead of turmoil, strife and litigation the dove of peace has hovered over this

church and the ties of unity and brotherly love have been cemented anew. During his pastorate he has improved the church property at a cost of more than \$1,000, and has received into the church more than 200 members. He is a safe Christian leader and under him this church will prosper.

**Shiloh Baptist Church.....630 Court**  
**Rev. B. Hall.....Pastor**  
**Strangers Home Baptist Church, Monroe**  
**and Pauline.**

**Rev. H. C. Hoskins.....Pastor**  
 Residence, 812 N. Montgomery.

Membership .....25  
 Sunday School membership.....15  
 Sunday School officers and teachers... 4  
 Sunday School Supt., Isaac Perkins.

#### **REV. H. C. HOSKINS.**

The subject of this sketch was born at La Grange, Fayette County, Tenn., in 1861. He professed a hope in Christ in 1878 at the First Baptist Church in Brownsville, Tenn., Rev. Martin Winfield, pastor. He was ordained in 1907. His school life was partly spent at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. He is prominently connected with the G. U. O. O. F. fraternity and is secretary of one of their lodges.

**Tabernacle Baptist Church...208 Turley**  
**Rev. E. J. Williams, D.D.....Pastor**  
 Residence, 206 Turley.

Membership ..... 390  
 Valuation of church property....\$33,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 92  
 Sunday School officers & teachers 19  
 Sunday School Supt., Miss Cornelia Lewis

#### **Working Organizations:**

Bible Band, Mrs. L. B. Oneal, Pres.  
 Majestic Club, Miss L. M. Owen, Pres.  
 Excelsior Club, Miss Fannie A. Owen,  
 Pres.  
 Wall Builders' Club, Mrs. Priscilla Jones,  
 Pres.  
 B. Y. P. U., Miss Ethel Jones, Pres.

## REV. E. J. WILLIAMS, D.D.

The state of Georgia cheerfully claims the nativity of the brilliant young man whose name graces the head of this sketch. He was educated in the Atlanta public schools and in the Atlanta Baptist Seminary. He completed his collegiate and theological courses at Iowa College, Des Moines, Iowa. He took a course in osteopathy in the Columbian department of science under the auspices of the University of Chicago. He studied law both at Princeton University and the University of West Tennessee. He was in the senior year in medicine in the University of West Tennessee. He also took a course in stenography at Howe Institute. This learned gentleman has an ambition not secondary to Alexander the Great, who, having conquered the whole world cried, it is said, because there was no other world for him to conquer. Rev. Williams must be a real prodigy in order to have accomplished the wonderful things that are narrated in this chapter. He is certainly a man of extraordinary mental capacity or he never could have assimilated a fractional part of what he has already acquired in the domain of knowledge. The city of Memphis has not had such an all-around intellectual genius since the days of Rev. R. N. Countee, who was the predecessor in the same church of which Rev. Williams is now pastor. Rev. Williams has also invaded the domain of literature, and has produced some very creditable works. The author has had the pleasure of reading one of his pamphlets and is satisfied that the reverend gentleman has literary talents of the highest order. He is a speaker of remarkable force and fluency. He has a rare sense of wit and humor, and has an appropriate incident or story to apply to every condition that may arise. The good people of Tabernacle Church are to be congratulated for their fortunate selection of a minister who is so able that he can

well maintain the standard that was set by the illustrious founder of Tabernacle Baptist Church—Rev. R. N. Countee.

Union Ave. Baptist Church, 1875 Union Ave.

Rev. Wm. Morgan.....Pastor  
Residence, 1871 Union.

Rev. Morgan is the father of the Baptist ministers of Memphis. For nearly forty years he has been in charge of Union Avenue Baptist Church, and has ministered to generations that are here and generations that are dead and gone. In many respects he is a remarkable man. He has run a great race, he has kept the faith and now in the seer and yellow of life he can patiently await the summons that will carry him over the river of life into the joyful beyond.

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**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Second Congregational Church, 239 Orleans.

Rev. L. C. Fisher.....Pastor  
Membership ..... 210  
Valuation of church property....\$10,000  
Sunday School membership..... 90  
Sunday School officers & teachers 10  
Sunday School Supt., B. M. Roddy.

**Working Organizations:**

Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. N. E. Whiteman, Pres.  
Christian Endeavor Society, Mrs. Mary E. Jennings, Pres.

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**EPISCOPAL.**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, St. Paul and S. Cynthia.

Father E. Thomas Demby.....Rector  
Residence, 423 S. Cynthia.  
Membership ..... 175  
Valuation of church property....\$20,000  
Sunday School membership..... 60  
Sunday School teachers..... 4



**Working Organizations:**

Women's Guild.

Women's Auxiliary.

St. Cecilia's Guild.

Daughters of the King.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

**FATHER E. THOMAS DEMBY.**

The denomination represented by the eminent gentleman whose name graces the head of this sketch is noted for the learning and transcendent ability of its priests. The requirements of this church are so high that men of commonplace ability can find no place in it. The preparation for the priesthood is so long, exacting and difficult that only the most precocious intellects can undergo the ordeal. This denomination, being of English origin and co-existent with the government itself, is one of the oldest in America, and it is but natural that its standards should be high. It puts a premium on learning and moral worth and its representatives are usually men noted for their profound learning and consecrated lives. The distinguished father in question is no exception to this rule. Notwithstanding the fact that his branch of the Christian church in Memphis has been represented by some of the most famous divines in America, this worthy father does not suffer the least in comparison with his predecessors. In fact, if comparisons be made at all they will be in favor of the present congenial and affable priest. There is a simplicity in his character that is not usually evident in most of the priests of his connection. Being himself an American he lacks all of the arrogance and presumption which usually go with foreign birth, and which are greatly in evidence in the character of most of the West Indian and other foreign priests that are connected with this great church. He is learned without affectation and pious

without ostentation. He is sincere and plain-speaking in his discourses, and prefers to appeal to man's reasoning faculties instead of his imagination. He is fearless in his advocacy of right and cannot be deterred by menaces and threats from what he believes to be right. In fact, there is a bold independence about him that is very refreshing and inspiring and which contrasts strangely with the guarded and servile action of many of them in high places.

Father Demby is one of the most accomplished men in America irrespective of race. He received his normal training at Morgan College, Baltimore, Md. He studied the classics at Lincoln University, Chester county, Pa. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Wilberforce University and received the degree of master of arts from this same institution of learning. The National University of Chicago conferred upon him, after undergoing a rigid examination, the degree of doctor of sacred theology. He studied for the priesthood at St. Matthew's Hall, Denver, Col. He was ordained priest in Emmanuel Church, Memphis, Tenn., in 1899. He spent three years in Howard University taking select courses in ancient and modern philosophy. Such is a brief description of some of the salient points in the life of this gifted man. Too much learning hath not made him mad, and he is one of the most pleasant and agreeable men that one would have the pleasure of meeting in a day's journey. Great as is Father Demby he is but as a Lilliputian in comparison with his accomplished wife. She is the only one who, in our judgment, can best him in an argument and overwhelm him by the mere power of eloquence. Really, Mrs. Demby is an exceptional woman, and a great auxiliary and inspiration to her husband in the discharge of his responsible duties.

## METHODIST.

## A. M. E.

Avery Chapel.....S. Fourth  
 Rev. G. W. Porter, D.D.....Pastor  
 Residence, Williams Ave.

Membership ..... 1,000  
 Valuation of church property....\$50,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 225  
 Sunday School officers & teachers 16  
 Sunday School Supt., D. W. Washington

## Working Organizations:

Monarch Club, Miss I. M. Stevenson,  
 Pres.

White Ribbon Club, Miss Rosa Hudgins,  
 Pres.

Willing Workers' Club, Mrs. M. J. Hur-  
 dle, Pres.



REV. G. W. PORTER, D.D.

The grand old volunteer state did itself proud when it gave to the world the able gentleman whose name ornaments the title position of this sketch. He was born at Paris, Tenn., and spent the greater part of his youthful life in that section of the state of Tennessee. His educational advantages were good. He attended the public school at Paris and subsequently studied a short time at Fisk University. His academic work was done at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. His early life was spent in the teachers' profession and twelve years of his life were devoted to the training and strengthening of the minds of the youth of our race.

He completed a course in theology at Morris Brown College. He was ordained

a deacon in 1891 and an elder in 1893. Thus being promoted to this exalted position in three years instead of the usual four years. Many great honors have been conferred upon this worthy minister, and he seems to have merited every honor that he has received. He is permanent trustee of Wilberforce University. He is reading clerk of the General Conference and a member of the Board of Finance—the leading board of the church. He is chairman of the Local Conference Finance Committee. He is trustee of Turner Normal Institute, Shelbyville, Tenn. He is a stockholder in the Union Savings Bank of Vicksburg, and one of the original incorporators of that financial institution. He owns some very valuable property in his home town—Paris, Tenn.

His first most responsible charge was at Clarksville, Tenn., where he encountered a \$4,000 debt and liquidated the same in five years. When he took charge of one of the leading churches of Vicksburg he found the conditions as discouraging as they were at Clarksville. However, he paid off the great encumbrance and doubled the church's membership. His great work at Avery Chapel is additional evidence of his ability as a financier. In the three years of his pastorate in this church he has improvements costing \$2,150. Its colossal debt was reduced from \$2,750 to \$500. In his pastorate the church had the biggest revival in its history, over 500 souls being converted.

He has had the great honor of being elected to four General Conferences, and his election in each instance was on the first ballot. This experience is nearly unprecedented in church history. Many worthy men aspire a whole life time to gain this great honor without success, while Rev. Porter has been elected to every general conference that has been held since he entered the ministry and was eligible to be a delegate.



He belongs to the ranks of Connec-  
tional Pastors—men of ability who are  
eligible to be transferred from one con-  
ference to another without any reduc-  
tion in rank. His standing in his  
branch of the great Methodist Church is  
second to none. Since he has been sta-  
tioned in Memphis he has been identified  
with every movement having for its ob-  
ject the uplift and betterment of our  
people, and in every instance he has  
shown himself a resourceful, sagacious  
and conservative leader. He is regarded  
with high favor by the thinking men of  
both races, and his opinions are always  
given due respect and consideration. He  
has done a great work at Avery Chapel,  
and his successors must do a great work  
in order to maintain the standard that  
he has set. Rev Porter is a great and  
good man.

Bethel Chapel.....845 Brunswick  
Rev. J. H. Grant.....Pastor  
Residence, 397 S. Cynthia.

Mt. Zion.....W. Illinois  
Rev. Wm. Oliver.....Pastor  
Providence Chapel.....820 Beale  
Rev. R. B. Brookins.....Pastor  
Residence, 820 Beale.

Membership ..... 400  
Valuation of church property....\$15,000  
Sunday School membership..... 225  
Sunday School officers & teachers 20  
Sunday School Supt., H. C. Ellison.

**Working Organizations.**

Willing Workers' Club, A. Thomas, Pres.  
Ladies' Relief Corps, Mrs. Hattie Wil-  
liams, Pres.  
Christian Endeavor, S. Rayford, Pres.

**REV. R. B. BROOKINS, D.D.**

This eloquent speaker and able divine  
first saw the light of day in the great  
Empire State of the South—Georgia.  
He is a veteran in the service of the  
Master, having been licensed to preach  
in 1876.

He enjoyed the usual educational ad-  
vantages afforded by the common



REV. R. B. BROOKINS, D.D.

schools of his state, but received his  
higher training at Cookman Institute,  
Jacksonville, Fla. Having a precocious  
mind he made unusual progress in his  
studies, and laid the foundation for that  
intellectual profundity which character-  
izes him today.

In his ministerial work he has served  
over a wide expanse of territory, both  
as pastor and presiding elder. He has  
served in Florida, South Carolina, Indian  
Territory, Arkansas and Tennessee. His  
success in the ministry has been most  
pronounced. The results of his labors  
give evidence of his divine calling. The  
Master has guided him in his labors and  
has given him promise that under His  
standard this pastor will conquer.

The life of this pastor has not been  
without its bereavements. The hand of  
affliction has laid heavily upon him.  
While in Florida it pleased the Heavenly  
Father to take away from him all that  
were near and dear to him—his beloved  
wife and six children. He was loth to

remain amid such environment of grief and the result was that his labors were transferred to other states. Wherever he has served he has stamped his individuality upon the minds of the people. His earnestness and Christian zeal have impressed all with whom he has come in contact. He is a consecrated man and a minister of the gospel first, last, and all the time.

There are few preachers that are so peculiarly endowed for success as he is. He has an agreeable personality, great talents, extraordinary eloquence and high character. His sermons are models of careful preparation, and show the power of a masterly mind. Enough spiritual fervor pervades his sermons to make them acceptable to all that are truly religious. He is a man of deep piety and this quality is shown in all of his dealings with his fellowmen. He has done a great work for the cause of Christ and his reward will be the blessing bestowed upon the faithful and the true.

**St. Andrew's Chapel, E. Calhoun and Avery.**

**Rev. M. T. Cooper, D.D.....Pastor**  
Residence, 520 S. Avery.

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| Membership .....                  | 700      |
| Valuation of church property....  | \$30,000 |
| Sunday School membership....      | 150      |
| Sunday School officers & teachers | 10       |
| Sunday School Supt., J. N. Mhoon. |          |

**Working Organizations:**

White Rose Pew Club, Mrs. Lillie Brown,  
Pres.  
Ruth Cirele Club, Mrs. Belle Norman,  
Pres.

**REV. M. T. COOPER, D.D.**

The state of Mississippi claims the distinction for the birth of Rev. M. T. Cooper. His life has been one of great service and usefulness among his people. He was trained in the public schools of Mississippi, and also attended the famous Tougaloo University, near Jackson, Miss. He taught school in the



**REV. M. T. COOPER, D.D.**

States of Tennessee and Mississippi for twelve years, and did valuable work in promoting the progress of his people.

He began in the travelling connection of the ministry in 1895. He took a four years' theological course in the conference after entering the ministry. The Princeton University conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity in honor of his deep learning and distinguished service.

He was located at Providence Chapel for three years, and in this time he paid off a big mortgage on the church and saved the property to its members. He has filled a charge at Paris, Tenn. He



has been two years at St. Andrews, and during this time he has raised for building purposes alone \$1,500, which is deposited in the bank to the credit of the church. Rev. Cooper is a man of great experience and thorough training. Both as teacher and minister he has had experience with the world and is acquainted with humanity from every standpoint. This experience has enabled him to lead his people intelligently and wisely, and this he has always cheerfully done. His church is the second largest of his branch of the connection in this city and his influence with his people is correspondingly great.

**St. James.....604 N. Fourth**  
**Rev. T. S. Johnson, D.D.....Pastor**  
 Residence, 604 N. Fourth.

Organized .....1864  
 Membership ..... 350  
 Valuation of church property....\$10,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 234  
 Sunday School officers & teachers 20  
 Sunday School Supt., Wm. Strong.

#### Working Organizations:

Auxiliary Ladies, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Pres.  
 Parsonage Band, Mrs. Lula Bennett, Pres.  
 Church Aid Society, Mrs. Beatrice Cummings, Pres.  
 Daughters of Conference, Miss Rosa Webster, Pres.  
 Early Bird Sunshiners, Mrs. Belle Webb, Pres.  
 Sewing Circle, Mrs. Tennie Cole, Pres.  
 King's Messengers, Arthur Bridgewater, Pres.  
 Private Soldiers, S. W. Greer, Pres.  
 Bible School, S. Webster, Pres.  
 School of Prophets, Rev. T. S. Johnson, Pres.  
 Allen Christian Endeavor, James Webster, Pres.

#### REV. T. S. JOHNSON, D.D.

This excellent and lovable pastor is a native of the state of Kentucky, having been born in Louisville in the latter part of the Civil War. He attended the

public schools at his home and then matriculated at the Indiana State University. Having graduated with high honors he entered the ministry of the A. M. E. Church and has been living a life of consecrated service for a generation.

Dr. Johnson is a brilliant scholar, an earnest worker and a Christian gentleman. He is called the children's pastor because of his sincere interest in and love for the children. Under his spiritual leadership Little St. James has flourished. More than 300 have been received into the church, and the church's



REV. T. S. JOHNSON, D.D.

finances have been more than doubled. He is resourceful in projects for the financial and spiritual welfare of his church, and in every capacity he has been successful beyond comparison. He has a charming personality. He is entertaining and affable and seems to have all the buoyancy of his boyhood days. He is an effective revival preacher and through this power he has wrought great work for his church.

He is interested in the progress of his race and is willing to exhaust every resource in order to promote the same. He has systematically visited the schools, and his words have been an inspiration to the pupils to lead a high and noble life. In recognition of his services in the cause of education and religion and because of his great learning the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him in 1906 by Turner College at Shelbyville, Tenn.

**A. M. E. ZION.**

Harris Chapel.....964 Louisa  
 Rev. C. L. Alexander.....Pastor  
 Residence, 962 Louisa.

Membership ..... 235  
 Valuation of church property.....\$3,000  
 Sunday School membership..... 125  
 Sunday School officers & teachers. 6  
 Sunday School Supt., Leo Moore.

**Working Organizations:**

Varick Christian Endeavor, Mrs. Anna P. Williams, Pres.

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, Mrs. Mary E. Bryant, Pres.

Daughters of Conference, Mrs. Emily Talbot, Pres.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Miss Ruth Rudd, Pres.  
 Blue Ribbon Circle, Miss Jessie B. Rudd, Pres.

**REV. C. L. ALEXANDER, A.M., D.D.**

The world is indebted to the state of Alabama for the production of the worthy and eminent life with which this sketch deals. While this distinguished divine was born in the state of Alabama he spent the greater part of his life in the Old North State, and is closely connected with the glorious history of several of her great sons.

Few men have enjoyed better educational advantages than the subject of this sketch. Beginning his education in the common schools of his State he added to this foundation courses at Tuskegee Normal Institute, Talladega College, Gammon Theological Seminary and other institutions of learning. He is a graduate of the famous Tuskegee Institution and also completed a theological course at Phelps Hall, of this same school. Altogether he spent five years in the various departments of Tuskegee Institute and is possibly as well acquainted as any other living man with the great man at the head of this institution—Dr. Booker Washington.

Rev. Alexander took college work at Talladega College. He is a graduate of the famous Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., and is one of the best prepared ministers in the pulpits of the South. He took a special course in theology under Dr. Winchester Donell, of Trinity Church, Boston, Mass. He received the degree of A.M. from one of the leading universities; also, the Princeton University conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity.

In his ministerial work he has labored in the states of North Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee. For his branch of the Christian church he has built church buildings valued at more than \$30,000. and has paid for the same. In this community he has done more effective work and has been of greater service to the community than any other representative of his church that has ever been located in Memphis. In this city during his short stay he has liquidated a great debt that hung over the church and added to it over a hundred members. His successful labors in this city have called attention to the fact that here is an A. M. E. Zion church in Memphis which, seemingly, very few people had realized before this able divine came to Memphis. He is a pulpit orator



of the greatest ability and has a power over an audience that is possessed by very few ministers. He is the personification of eloquence.

His record since he entered the ministry has been glorious indeed. Up to this time he has baptized and received into the church thereby over 1,200 members. He has had great success in every department of church work and as a financier he has enjoyed a reputation second to none. In fact, his ability along this line is so well known by the great men at the head of his church that he is usually selected as an emergency preacher to be sent to charges whose financial affairs are suffering in order that his great financial ability may be used to bring the churches out of debt. He is doing a great work in Memphis, and is the most successful preacher that his denomination has ever had in Memphis.

In this sketch it may be timely to say that the A. M. E. Zion Church, though not so well known in Memphis, is one of the most powerful branches of the great Methodist Church. It is strong in the East and flourishes in many places where the other branches of the Methodist Church are as little known as the A. M. E. Zion Church is known here. Some of the most eminent men in the United States today are members of this church. Dr. Price, the famous orator, now dead, was one of the brightest lights of this denomination. Frederick Douglass, the greatest colored American, was a member of this church. It is said to have the greatest preaching bishops in America. Not only are its bishops men noted for their consecrated lives and distinguished learning, but they are noted for their wonderful eloquence. They all seem literally to have a tongue of fire while preaching the Holy Word. Their bishops form a combination which for versatility of power is not surpassed in the galaxy of American greatness.

Rev. C. L. Alexander seems to be inspired by the great men at the head of his church and is resolved, as far as his powers of heart and brain will permit, to do everything that he can to commend his denomination to thinking people and promote the great cause of turning the world from darkness into light.

C. M. E.

Collins Chapel.....Washington Ave.  
Rev. I. S. Person, D.D.....Pastor  
Residence, 280 Leath.

Membership ..... 1,200  
Valuation of church property....\$75,000  
Sunday School membership..... 300  
Sunday School officers & teachers 18  
Sunday School Supt., Edward Joyner.

Working Organizations:

Epworth League, J. H. Morton, Pres.  
Christian Knights and Ladies, George Pigrune, Pres.  
Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Venie Gilder, Pres.

REV. I. S. PERSON, D.D.

The Lone Star State claims the nativity of this gifted and wonderful man of God. The state of Texas not only produced him, but it was for a long time a field for his evangelical labors. Rev. Person has had a meteoric career, but unlike a meteor the brilliancy of his life has not been short-lived but has increased with each succeeding year. He was educated in the public schools and in Philander Smith College, one of the leading institutions of learning. He is a man of profound learning and this is apparent to any one that is so fortunate as to listen repeatedly to his learned discourses. As a pulpit orator it is doubtful if he has an equal in the connection. He is a preacher of marvelous power and can move his audience to laughter or tears at will.

He began the ministry in 1880, and is thus a veteran in ministerial harness. He has served very widely as pastor, and

his services in this capacity have extended nearly from the Atlantic to the Pacific. For eight years he was general missionary secretary, and performed the duties of this exalted position with signal ability. In his long and faithful connection with the church he has served in nearly every capacity and discharged every honor with a credit worthy of his distinguished name and great reputation. He has been honored with the most important charges in the connection and there can be no greater honors conferred upon him unless his fellow churchmen confer upon him the highest honor within their gift—the bishopric of the church.

Rev. Person is a leader in the councils of his race wherever he goes. He is wise in counsel, ready in action and fearless in his performance of what he believes to be right. He is an orator that would stamp the greatness of his mind on any occasion that he might grace. He is an inspired man whom God has raised up to lead his people and he is thoroughly prepared for this responsible mission. Under his matchless leadership Collins Chapel has flourished and continues to be the leading center from which good influences have radiated. Rev. Person is considered a safe, conservative and reliable citizen, and with him at the helm to guide it the ship of race progress will be safely guided to the harbor of safety.

**Greenwood Chapel.....E. Heiskell**

**Rev. T. J. Tyus .....Pastor**  
Residence, Saratoga, St.

Membership ..... 240

Valuation of church property.....\$4,500

Sunday School membership..... 65

Sunday School officers & teachers. 7

Sunday School Supt., R. W. Ousley.

#### **Working Organization:**

Busy Bee Club, W. M. Shepherd, Pres.

#### **REV. T. J. TYUS.**

This worthy pastor was born in the state of Tennessee. He began the ministry in 1878, and it is his proud and

thankful boast that he has preached every Sunday since he began the ministry thirty years ago. It is his wish to die in harness. He would rather wear out in the service of the Master than to rust out by failing to use his God-given powers. It has been his good fortune to attend every conference of every character since he entered the ministry. He has a reputation second to none for faithful performance of duty, and consecrated service. He is an effective preacher and a man anxious to serve humanity with every power of body and mind that God has given him.

**Harris Chapel.....Essex Ave.**

**Rev. J. W. Barnett.....Pastor**  
Residence, Essex Ave.

Membership ..... 116

Valuation of church property.....\$1,500

Sunday School membership..... 54

Sunday School officers & teachers. 9

Sunday School Supt., J. E. Taylor.

#### **Working Organization:**

Young People's Club, Brother Glass, Pres.

#### **REV. J. W. BARNETT.**

The Christian worker whose name is at the head of this sketch may be pardoned if he should feel lonesome because of the fact that there are so few ministers that can, with him, claim the state of Tennessee as their birthplace. He was educated at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., the leading institution of learning of his denomination in the state of Tennessee. He also pursued a theological course at this institution. He had the honor of being sent to Lane College by his church conference.

For several years he has been identified with the cause of education in Shelby county, and is now in connection with his ministerial work, one of Shelby county's most efficient teachers. He is an earnest, faithful, consecrated young man, with a bright future, and the denomination is to be congratulated for having such excellent material out of which to build a great and useful man.



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| Mt. Olive.....                    | 600      |
| Rev. J. M. Rivers.....            | Pastor   |
| Residence, 1244 McLemore.         |          |
| Membership .....                  | 516      |
| Valuation of church property....  | \$15,000 |
| Sunday School membership.....     | 150      |
| Sunday School officers & teachers | 14       |
| Sunday School Supt., Ellis Brown. |          |

Although born in Alabama he was reared in sunny Tennessee. He attended the common schools of the state and supplemented this experience with a course at Central Tennessee College, Nashville. He made special preparation for the ministry by pursuing the study of theology under Dr. A. B. Jones, of the White Fe-



REV. J. M. RIVERS

- Working Organizations:**  
Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Emma Reed, Pres.  
Ladies' Sewing Circle, Mrs. Roberta Cole, Pres.  
Stewardess Board, Mrs. Mary Stephenson, Pres.  
Auxiliary Board, Mrs. Charity Mhoon, Pres.

**REV. J. M. RIVERS.**

Once again comes forward the great state of Alabama and claims the nativity of another one of our distinguished ministers in the person of Rev. J. M. Rivers.

male Institute, of Jackson, Tenn. He began preaching in 1880, and thus he claims the honor with his ministerial collaborer, Dr. Person, of starting in the ministry the same year—1880. He served in the Kansas and Missouri conferences for twenty years, twelve years of which time were spent as presiding elder. He began his present pastorate in December, 1906, and his years' work has been noted for and characterized by duty well and faithfully done. He is a plain, unpretentious, earnest Christian worker with an ambition to do all the good he can

for his own people, and the cause of humanity in general. He has been a successful pastor and under him there has been general progress in every department of the church. He is blessed with a devoted, discreet and tactful wife, whose services have been invaluable to him in the prosecution of his work. She is popular and is loved by all that know her. The two make an ideal couple for service and usefulness in the cause of uplifting the race and humanity.

Mt. Pisgah.....Marechal Neil Ave.  
Rev. C. C. Townsend.....Pastor  
Residence, 838 Alma.

Membership ..... 350  
Valuation of church property.....\$5,000  
Sunday School membership..... 130  
Sunday School officers & teachers. 10  
Sunday School Supt., Wm. Davis.

Working Organization:  
Auxiliary Board, Mrs. Mary Allen, Pres.

REV. C. C. TOWNSEND.

The reverend gentleman whose name adorns the head of this sketch hails from the great state of Mississippi and in life and service is a worthy son of the state of his birth. Ambitious to prepare himself for service and not having at hand the advantages for schooling that he desired he took a normal training course from the correspondence normal school of Denver, New York, and thus became very proficient in scholarship.

He began the ministry in 1885 and in the traveling connection in 1889. He completed the theological course at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., and thoroughly prepared himself for intelligent and useful service. Under him Mt. Pisgah Church has prospered both financially and spiritually. Not only is he a good preacher but he is a good pastor and in the twenty-three years of his experience in the ministry he has done untold good in building up the Master's kingdom.



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Rev. E. W. Carter.....Pastor

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Centenary.....270 E. Calhoun  
Rev. W. H. Key, D.D.....Pastor  
Residence, 270 E. Calhoun.

Membership ..... 450  
Valuation of church property.....\$35,000  
Sunday School membership..... 175  
Sunday School officers & teachers 12  
Sunday School Supt., Dr. D. W. Fields.

Working Organizations.

Willing Workers' Club, J. E. Land, Pres.  
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REV. W. H. KEY, D.D.

The great state of Tennessee gives to the ministerial body in Memphis its pioneer in active service and its dean in honor in the person of Dr. W. H. Key, who was born in Sumner County, Tenn., and began the ministry in 1866. His career has been so eventful that it reads



as though it was culled from the pages of fiction. It is probable that his life is unique in the annals of Methodism.

Though now a man of advanced age it was his good fortune to have been a highly intelligent young man in the early days of reconstruction following the Civil War, and he was in position to be of great service to his people. Official honors of all kinds were conferred upon him. He was appointed by Governor Brownlow as loyal agent to make out all the loyal claims of the people of Sumner county resulting from the Civil War, and he performed the duties of this position even at this early date with the same fidelity and ability that have characterized all of his subsequent efforts.

In the Civil War he was a Union spy under Gen. Payne at Gallatin, Tenn., and in this capacity he engaged in many hazardous undertakings for the cause of the Union and the freedom of the negro race.

He has been a presiding elder for twenty-five years and a delegate to six general conferences. He is the only surviving chartered member of the original Tennessee conference—all the others having gone to reap their reward. He hasn't missed a roll-call in the conference since its organization. His labors in the conference have been vast from every standpoint. As a financier he leads his conference, having built over \$150,000 worth of substantial church property. The commodious brick structure in which his congregation is now worshipping is a monument to his interest and sacrifices; for in order that this handsome church might be saved he mortgaged his property to provide for it. This single instance alone shows the real character of Dr. Key. He is not working for self, but for humanity. In his early days he taught school and was one of the leading educators of his community. He taught his own children and laid in their

minds the foundation on which they themselves might build a structure of greatness. All of his children were given the very best educational advantages that his great love and great wealth could afford. They attended Walden University and were so successful that they became eminent in the domain of learning.

Dr. Key is a trustee of Walden University and was for some time a professor in its theological departments. He is the wealthiest preacher in his denomination and owns, near Mason, Tenn., 350 acres of as fine farming land as can be found in the State of Tennessee. His country home is famous far and wide for its hospitality and in it Dr. Key lives like an East Indian nabob.

The trustees of Walden University, as a feeble testimonial of his great services and eminent ability conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, which honor he has well merited. He is a remarkable man in an age teeming with remarkable men. His life seems more like a romance than a stern reality. Though advanced in age he is still young in resolution and ambition and seems determined to wear out in usefulness and service and not rust out in the inactivity and indolence of old age.

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| Residence, Wilkerson and Montsarratt. |         |
| Membership .....                      | 135     |
| Valuation of Church Property...       | \$2,500 |
| Sunday School Membership.....         | 90      |
| S. S. Officers and Teachers.....      | 14      |
| Sunday School Supt., John Gillian.    |         |

Working Organizations:

- Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Hattie Maulden, Pres.
- Woman's Home Mission Society, Mrs. Anna Bowers, Pres.
- Epworth League, E. M. Patterson, Pres.

REV. S. M. STRAYHORN, B.D.

This distinguished looking, lovable and popular minister does not consider himself astray because he happened to be born in the State of Georgia rather than the State of Mississippi. He began the ministry in the State of Tennessee in 1897. He took advantage of the opportunity of preparing himself for effective service in the ministry by completing the theological course at Walden University, Nashville, Tenn. Still ambitious to cultivate and strengthen the powers of his mind he subsequently took a post-graduate course at Princeton

University and received from this well-known institution of learning the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He has been presiding over Warren Chapel for three years, and his efforts have been crowned with success. He is a man devoted to duty and to the best interests of his people and is unceasing in his efforts to promote their welfare. He is treasurer of the Tennessee Conference and this position is considered one of great honor. In the three years of his labors in this community he has done great work and his efforts deserve the lasting regard of those whom he has served so well.

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Brogan, Carrie, Mrs.....N. Third

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Bowles, Susan, Mrs.....732 S. Leach

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Brown, Emma E., Miss....21 S. Orleans

Miss Brown is a talented dressmaker and materially assisted the writer by giving him information concerning competent dressmakers.

Brown, Lizzie, Mrs.....257 N. Dunlap

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Mrs. Cole is well-known in her section of the city as a stylish and experienced dressmaker.

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**Cotton, Susie A., Mrs.....348 Manassas**

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**Daniels, Emma, Mrs.....347 Decatur**

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**Delaney, Mary E., Mrs.....Preston**

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**Dickerson, Lulu, Miss....609 E. Georgia**

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**Dickerson, Mrs.....614 Beale**

Mrs. Dickerson is one of the most experienced dressmakers in Memphis, and has taught this art to many of the younger generation. She still holds her own with the best of them.

**Eckles, Lettie, Mrs.....653 Provine**

Mrs. Eckles is well known as a first-class dressmaker, and numbers among her patrons many of the best people of Memphis. She knows her art thoroughly and always gets satisfactory results.

**Evans, Callie, Mrs.....841 Atlantic**

Mrs. Evans has a reputation as a competent and experienced dressmaker.

**Fletcher, Mollie, Mrs.....Decatur**

Mrs. Fletcher ought to feel highly gratified because of the splendid reputation she has made in her profession.

**Franklin, Anna, Mrs.....620 Orleans**

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Mrs. Hall is one of the pioneers in the dressmakers' art. She taught scores of young women how to sew, and many of them are the best exponents in their line today. Mrs. Hall is a versatile woman and is referred to in another section of this book.

**Hampton, Viney, Mrs.....446 Georgia**

Mrs. Hampton is one of the best seamstresses in the city, and nothing that we can say can do full justice to her ability.

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**Hudgins, Rosetta, Miss....405 E. Butler**

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Mrs. Love is the estimable wife of that enterprising, popular, public-spirited citizen, Mr. John R. Love, and is one of the most stylish and up-to-date dressmakers in Memphis. Her creations are models of taste and elegance and cannot be surpassed.

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**Owens, Rosa, Mrs.....317 Gayoso**

Mrs. Owens has made a careful study of the dressmakers' art and is one of its most proficient exponents. She has lived

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Splendid reports concerning Miss Payne's ability as a dressmaker have been brought to the author, and judging from them there can be no doubt that she is first-class in her art.

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The good people of New Chicago do not hesitate to refer in most glowing terms to Mrs. Pegues as being a first-class dressmaker, and such must be the case.

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Mrs. Puckett is not only an accomplished dressmaker but she is an accomplished woman in many other respects. She is versatile and equally proficient in every department of domestic science, and as a dressmaker she ranks with the best in the community.

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Mrs. Smith has a splendid reputation as an all around dressmaker. She has followed the business for years, and is capable of doing the best.

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Mrs. Stratton comes well recommended as a dressmaker of style and class. Her work is creditable and shows a thorough knowledge of her art.

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Miss Vandyck is an accomplished woman and has gained great distinction in her art. She has a knowledge of all the systems of tailoring and is an expert in each. She has confidence in her ability and her patrons share her confidence by giving her generous patronage. Her creations are marvels in the dressmakers' art and cannot be surpassed.

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**Williams, Estelle, Mrs.....S. Fourth**

Very excellent reports have been brought to the author about Mrs. Williams' ability as a dressmaker. She is rated with the best.

**Williams, Margaret J., Mrs..775 Speed**

Mrs. Williams is highly recommended by her friends as a dressmaker whose name is worthy to be placed among the most representative dressmakers in the community.

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## Engineers, *Licensed*

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**Haynes, Jimmie..Dan Shea Boiler Wks.**

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Mr. Reed is an expert engineer of thirty years' experience and has successfully demonstrated the colored man's ability to understand and master the most abstruse principles of mechanical science. The author had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Reed personally and Mr. Reed's modest bearing, confidence in himself and enthusiasm in his profession gave evidence of a thoughtful and competent mind.

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**Strickland, S. E. . . .Luehrmann's Hotel**

Mr. Strickland is a capable engineer of the greatest intelligence. He was fortunate to receive a good education and is well prepared to understand the

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**Thompson, Wm. A. . . .Crescent Laundry**

Mr. Thompson is one of the most experienced and most able engineers in the city of Memphis. He has a bright mind and has succeeded splendidly in his profession. He is kindly in disposition and has given assistance to several who were anxious to understand the engineer's profession. Mr. Thompson is a high-class man personally and professionally and is one of the leading lights among the colored engineers of Memphis. The writer had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thompson and felt himself well repaid for the effort.

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Mr. Pace is connected with the Light House department of the United States government. He is a native of New Orleans, and a gentleman of education and culture. Since coming to Memphis he has proven to be a very serviceable

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**WILSON, CHAS. J., SR.**

Mr. Wilson is one of the best known citizens of Memphis. He has long been identified in various capacities with the history of Memphis and in each of these he has served the city well. For years he was connected with the police department of Memphis. He has always been prominent in the councils of the Republican party. He has been connected with the postoffice department for several years and has performed with credit

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Mr. Baker has served three years in the department and has given complete satisfaction. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a musician of experience.

**BARKER, M. H.**

Mr. Barker has been honored with twenty-four years' service in the department and is one of the most experienced and efficient carriers in the office. He is a graduate of Lemoyne Institute and a man of versatile ability. He is a poet, a wit, an artist, a lover of flowers and wholesome out-of-door sports and a fine man on general principles.

**BERGANS, O. W.**

Mr. Bergans has been connected with the department for twenty-three years and is regarded as one of the most faithful, reliable, and efficient carriers in it. He is devoted to his official duties and to his friends and can always be relied



upon to be faithful and true. Free from affectation, great of heart, and true as steel, he is the personification of manly virtues.

**BOWLES, R. L.**

Mr. Bowles has been employed in the department for seven years, and is one of its best carriers.

**BRANCH, L. F.**

Mr. Branch began his career in the postal service eight years ago and has acquitted himself with great credit in the performance of his duties. He is a graduate of Lemoyne School, an active member in church work, an experienced singer, and the owner of a cozy little home presided over by a dutiful wife.

**CARTER, W. H. G.**

Mr. Carter has had three years' experience in the carrier's service. He is a fine amateur photographer and a man of splendid ability.

**CASEY, R. M.**

Mr. Casey has served only two years in the department, but in this short time he has gained the experience of a veteran. He is a highly intelligent gentleman and commands the respect of all who know him. He has an elegant little home on Saxon avenue and some day may have an elegant little companion to share with him a little cozy corner in it.

**CURRY, J. T.**

Mr. Curry has seen four years' service in the department and is very efficient in the performance of his duties. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a recent candidate admitted to the ancient order of bride grooms.

**DANIELS, H. B.**

Mr. Daniels has shouldered the mail bag for four years and his broad and manly shoulders have well responded to the trust. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and an athlete of splendid ability.

**DAVIS, C. M.**

Mr. Davis has seen seventeen years of faithful and honorable service in the department and is second to none in fidelity and efficiency.

**DAVIS, FRANK**

Four years of efficient service in the department have been given by Mr. Frank Davis. He is a bright and intelligent young man with talents of the highest order and is capable of rendering the best service in every field of activity to which he may be called.

**FARNANDIS, B. J.**

Mr. Farnandis has served nine years in the department. He is a jeweler and watchmaker of ability and one of the leading officials connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity in the State of Tennessee.

**FIELDS, N. H.**

Mr. Fields has an experience of four years in the postoffice and is one of its most efficient carriers. He is fleet of foot and rapid in delivery and has made a commendable record in these two respects.

**FOOTE, W. H.**

This genial and courtly knight of the mail sack has seen four years of service. He is a gifted young man and has the ability to succeed in any of the intellectual pursuits of life. He was one of the leading teachers of Shelby county for several years and enjoyed the distinction of being at one time private secretary of Dr. Booker Washington.

**FRANKLIN, H. J.**

Mr. Franklin has an experience of four years in the postal service. For several years he was prominently connected as teacher with the schools of Shelby county and subsequently with the city schools. He is a very efficient carrier.

**GWYN, R. S.**

Four years of efficient and faithful service in the department have passed over the head of Mr. Gwyn. He is a young man of bright prospects and blessed with a host of friends.

**HOWARD, MEUX.**

For over eighteen years the postal service has been honored by Mr. Meux Howard who has been as efficient as his services have been long. He is a quiet gentlemanly man and a splendid upright citizen.

**HOWLETT, L. W.**

Mr. Howlett has an experience of three years in the Memphis postoffice and is a thoroughly reliable and efficient employe. He is an ex-school teacher and a man of ability. In the swing room he is the prince of orators and holds spell-bound his fellow auditors.

**JACKSON, LEWIS.**

Mr. Jackson has served three years as carrier in the Memphis postoffice. For several years before entering the postal service he worked for P. J. Moran. He is a well-known citizen of Memphis.

**JAMES, A. F.**

Mr. James has faithfully served in the postoffice department of Memphis for five years. He is a young man of promise and ability. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and is one of the most efficient carriers in the service.

**JEFFERSON, AURELIAN S.**

Mr. Jefferson has been identified with the ancient and honorable knights of the mail sack for three and one-half years, and has held his own for efficiency and honor. He is a graduate of LeMoyne School and prominently connected with the social life of the young people of Memphis.

**JONES, WELLINGTON.**

Mr. Jones is a member of the celebrated Jones family which counts its

numbers by the thousands. He has creditably served three years in the department and is a worthy and honorable young man.

**KIRKLAND, ERNEST.**

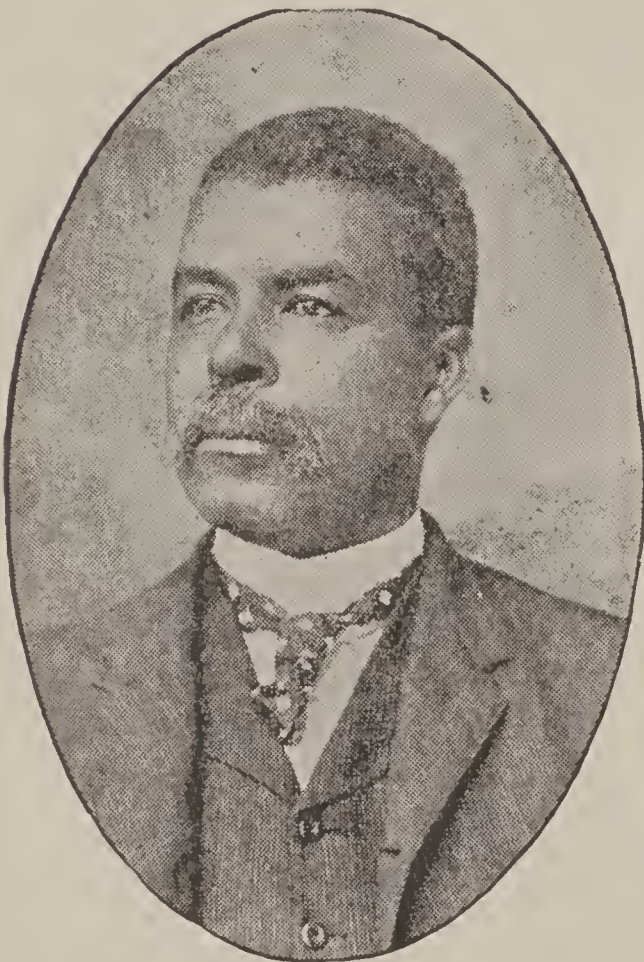
Five years of faithful and efficient service have been contributed by Mr. Kirkland to the work of the postoffice department of Memphis. He is a typewriter of great skill and served in that capacity with some of the leading lawyers of the city for several years before entering the postal service.

**LOVE, JOHN R.**

One of the most experienced, most efficient and most faithful carriers connected with the postoffice department is Mr. John R. Love. For nineteen long years he has performed the duties of his exalted trust and not a blemish has been found on his record. His name is a synonym for honesty, thrift, energy and devotion to duty. He is a bright example of the possibilities in reach of every deserving and ambitious young man. By his foresight, sacrifices and



thrift, he has accumulated a comfortable fortune and can laugh in the face of the wolf whose coming brings terror and consternation to so many. He is the wealthiest of the young colored men of Memphis and sleeps with only one eye closed in order that no chance or advantage may escape him. He is an experienced musician of great ability and leader of the Mail Carriers Orchestra. His name is indicative of the feeling possessed for him by his multitude of friends.



**M'FARLAND, WM. P.**

Mr. McFarland is a veteran in efficient and honorable service in the postoffice department. He is the second on the list in length of service, having been connected with the department for twenty-eight years. He is a man of influence and ability and has had varied experience along business, political and fraternal lines. He is a forceful and effective orator and graces well the most select occasion.

**MERRIWETHER, WM.**

Mr. Meriwether is an experienced and efficient employe of the classified service in Memphis. He is a young man of polished address and has well retained the graces of manner and charms of diction that he acquired when a student at Clay Street school.

**MERRITT, WM. F.**

Mr. Merritt has an honorable record of six years in the mail service. He is a quiet, honest and capable young man, and, as his name suggests, merits the best wishes of all that know him.

**MORTON, FRANK.**

Mr. Morton has seen two years of faithful service as a man with the mail sack. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a young man of fine parts.



**OWENS, WM. H.**

Eighteen winters have passed over the head of Mr. Owens since he became identified with the postoffice department in the capacity of carrier; but these many winters have been mild and not stormy because they brought to him pleasure from the knowledge of having faithfully performed his whole duty. Mr. Owens is a patron of education and provides for his children the best educational advantages. His son, Robert, is a grad-



uate of Kortrecht High School and one of his daughters is a graduate of LeMoyne. Two of his sons are now attending Dr. Washington's famous school at Tuskegee. He is an efficient carrier and a worthy citizen.

**OWENS, L. E.**

Mr. Owens has an experience of three and one-half years as carrier in the post-office department of Memphis. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a young man that will succeed in making his mark on something else besides the slate.

**POLK, I. A., Jr.**

Mr. Polk has an experience of three years in the postal department. He is a graduate of LeMoyne and a young man of talents. He has performed his duties with efficiency, and a bright future awaits him.



**PRATT, J. H.**

The jovial, well-disposed, well-groomed and efficient carrier bearing this honorable name has had an experience of 8 years in the mail service. He is a graduate of LeMoyne school and a musician of promising talents. He is a great teller of stories, but not a story teller, and the writer always enjoys the wonderful narrations of his eventful life. He has

a comfortable home on McKinney street and a charming wife to make it cheerful.

**RANDOLPH, R. V.**

This gentleman with the historic old Virginia name has had four and one-half years' experience unlocking the letter boxes of Uncle Sam, and most earnestly and faithfully has he performed his duties. He is a young man of splendid ability and personal magnetism, coupled with good common sense, as was evidenced in his selection of a charming partner for life.

**REAVES, Z. T.**

This well known citizen of Memphis has had an experience of 16 years in the Memphis postoffice and has performed his duties with efficiency and credit. He has been long and faithfully connected with ex-United States Senator Turley, one of the ablest and best known lawyers of the South, and enjoys his confidence and esteem to a large degree.

**RIVERS, AUGUSTUS.**

Mr. Rivers is an employe of 5 years' experience in the postoffice department of Memphis and ranks with the best in the service. He is a very intelligent young man and has an interesting household presided over by an intelligent wife.

**ROBERTS, C. W.**

For 26 years Mr. Roberts has worn the insignia of honorable service in the postoffice department of Memphis. He ranks third on the list in length of service and in the front rank with the best in point of faithfulness and efficiency. Notwithstanding his many setbacks in life, he has accumulated some valuable property in Memphis. He is an honorable man and incapable of anything unworthy.

**ROBINSON, RICHARD.**

Mr. Robinson has been honorably connected with the mail service in the city of Memphis for nine and one-half years and is one of its most reliable and trusted representatives. He is an intelligent man and has an interesting family, whose welfare is looked after by a devoted wife.

**SAUNDERS, DERO P.**

Mr. Saunders is a young man of 4 years' experience in the postal depart-



ment. He is efficiency personified. He is a stockholder of the Solvent Savings bank of this city and is a thrifty young man of great promise. Without doubt the coming years will have substantial evidence of his financial prosperity.

#### **SIMON, CLARENCE.**

Mr. Simon bears lightly the burdens of his five years' service in the post office department of Memphis. It is probable that his proficiency as a pianist enables him to drive away dull care. He is a graduate of LeMoyne school and one of the most competent employes in the service.

#### **SIMS, EUGENE.**

Mr. Sims' experience as a carrier in the postoffice department of Memphis covers a period of two and one-half years of loyal and efficient service. He is a quiet young man that enjoys the best wishes of his many friends.

#### **SMITH, WILLIAM W.**

Mr. Smith is a carrier of 3 years' experience in the service of letter carrying. He is well and favorably known in this capacity.]

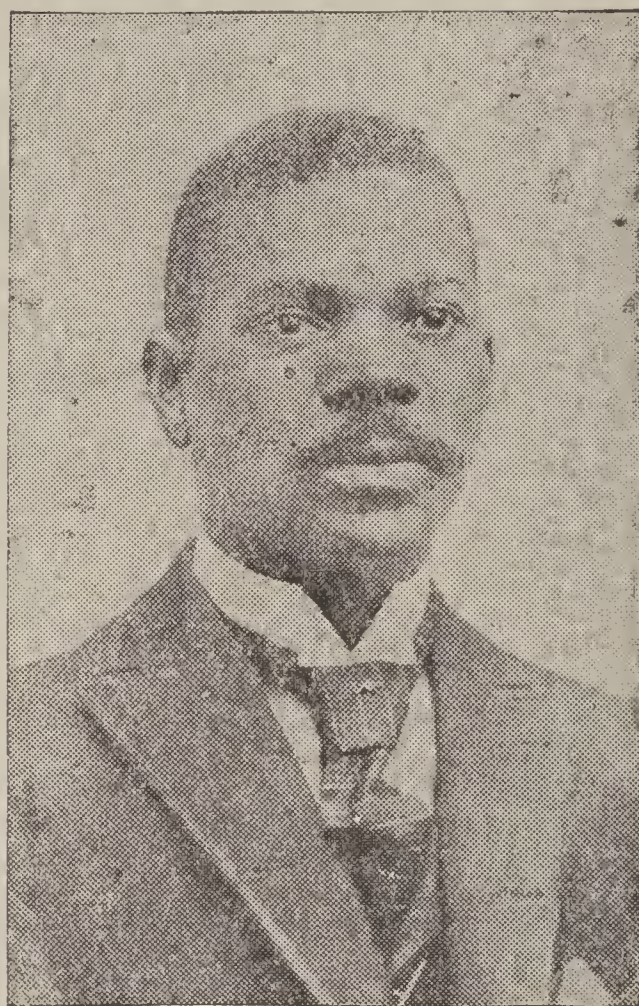
#### **SNEED, E. A. JR.**

The kindly disposed, smiling young man bearing the name of Sneed has had 4 years' experience in the postal service of Memphis and ranks with the best carriers in the service. He is a walker of great speed and has a stride that would make a seven-footer grow green with envy. He is a member of the mair carriers' orchestra and a pleasant gentleman.

#### **TRIGG, A. A.**

The oriental looking young man bearing this uncommon name has been creditably employed in the service of the government for 6 years. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High school and a determined and ambitious citizen. Not only has he successfully made his own way in life, but he has been of material

assistance to the younger members of his family. He is happily married and two orientals of diminutive stature bless his home.



#### **WASHINGTON, D. W.**

It is seldom the good fortune of ordinary mortals to receive the praise that is due them before they are dead. It is the general custom to bestow praise upon the dead; but the writer prefers to bestow it upon the worthy living, and in his judgment no other citizen in the community is more highly deserving of commendation than the gentleman bearing the illustrious name of the father of this country. Mr. Washington has the unique honor of being the oldest carrier in the Memphis postoffice in length of service and his record for faithfulness and efficiency bears the stamp of perfection. No other citizen of the community is worthier of greater regard than Mr. Washington. Possibly the first colored man to be appointed to service in the postoffice department



of Memphis, for 34 years he has upheld in this capacity the integrity and honor of the colored race, and in doing so he has shown himself to be a benefactor of the race. By his fidelity to duty, his energy, foresight and thrift, together with his known piety, he has amassed great wealth and is the second wealthiest colored man of Memphis. His wealth has been honorably acquired for he has always been a pious man with the fear of God in his heart. His wealth has not been selfishly used, but much of it has been worthily bestowed to meet the needs of his people. His liberality is so generally known that it is unnecessary in these pages to refer in individual instances to it. The life of Mr. Washington ought to be an inspiration to the young people of Memphis inasmuch as it points out the way how they can gain wealth and yet never lose their honor.

#### WATKINS, GEO. J.

Mr. Watkins has had an experience of only two years in the postal department, but these two years have been a monument to his efficiency and the faithful discharge of his duties, all of which demonstrates the fact that it is not necessary to grow old in order to be wise.

#### WHITE, JOHN, JR.

For six years has Mr. White held high the banner of duty and honor in the discharge of his duties since the beginning of his connection with the postoffice department of Memphis. He is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a worthy alumnus of that school. He is a quiet, self-confident, intelligent, ambitious young man and is a credit to his worthy parents from whom he received his good qualities.

#### WILLIAMSON, B. T.

Three years of faithful service has been the record of Mr. B. T. Williamson.

He is a young man of promise and a member of the mail carriers' orchestra. He is a young man of good family and deserves success.

#### WILSON, J. S.

Mr. Wilson has served in the department of letters for seven years and is able to render the very best service. His record in this respect is very creditable.

#### WOODS, S. J. JR.

Mr. Woods has been connected with the postoffice department of Memphis for a period of four years and has gained the reputation of being faithful and efficient in the performance of his duties. He has talents for music, and is a member of the mail carriers' orchestra.

#### WRIGHT, JAS. R.

For 25 years Mr. Wright has performed the duties of carrier in the postal service of Memphis and his record is perfect for devotion to and faithful performance of his duties. Mr. Wright is a quiet, unassuming, courteous gentleman, and one of the best known citizens of Memphis. He is connected with the Solvent Savings bank and has a commodious and substantial home on East Butler avenue. He believes in the value of education and gives to his children every possible educational advantage.

#### YOUNG, THOMAS E.

The pleasant, affable young man bearing the name of Young has spent 8 years of his life in the department of letters. He ranks with the first in the office in respect to ability, intelligence and efficiency. Mr. Young has not only performed the duties of his position with credit, but he has so deported himself as to deserve the best wishes of the people who know him. To the writer he is known simply as "Tommie," because the writer apparently sees in him the simplicity and honesty of the childhood that he knew in days gone by.



**SUBSTITUTE CARRIERS.****BURNETT, CHAS.****COOK, FRANK.****DANIELS, ROBERT H.**

Mr. Daniels is a courteous and kindly gentleman, and a splendid neighbor, and is blessed with an interesting family and bright prospects. He has a nice home on Saxon avenue.

**EDMUNDSON, J. W.****FRANKLIN, ROBERT.**

Mr. Franklin is a graduate of Le Moyne Normal Institute and a young man of fine ability and good social standing.

**FULLER, EDGAR.****MARSHALL, WALTER.**

Mr. Marshall is a gentleman with bright prospects, both in the postoffice department and in the line of success in general. He has always been industrious and thrifty and has a commodious and substantial home on South Cynthia

street to show for his untiring efforts. His faithful wife has contributed in no small degree to his success, and their domestic life is as charming as his success has been emphatic.

**PLAITER, I. W.****RIVERS, GEORGE.****STANLEY, KING.****STEELE, EMMET.**

Mr. Steele is a graduate of Kortrecht High school and a bright young man with brilliant prospects.

**TAYLOR, LONGLEY.**

Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Kortrecht High school and a quiet, unassuming gentleman with a splendid future.

**SPECIAL DELIVERY DEPARTMENT.**

Reaves, Hezekiah, 10 months.

Reaves, Thomas C. 2 years, 7 months.

Saunders, Will P., 1 year, 7 months.

Scott, Fred P., 2 years, 6 months.

Thompson, Abe C., 1 year, 3 months.

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## Feed Stores

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Bridgeforth, N. W.....390 Beale

New 'Phone 583.

**MEMPHIS FEED AND PRODUCE CO.**

N .W. Bridgeforth, Agt.,  
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
Grain, Hay, Oats, Bran and  
Produce.

390 Beale Ave. Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Bridgeforth is a native of Tennessee, though most of his friends think him to be a native of Alabama. He has been connected with the commercial life of Memphis ever since his advent to the city. He is an all-around business man and has generally succeeded in his en-

terprises. He is one of the stockholders of the Solvent Savings bank of this city and is thoroughly alive to its interests. Mr. Bridgeforth is a plain, unassuming, thoughtful business man and can see as far into the millstone as the man that is pecking it. He is a firm, true and loyal friend, and is the same honest man to everybody. He has an elegant home and a charming wife. No man deserves to have a greater blessing.



Bumpus, W. M.....425 Beale

W. M. BUMPUS,  
Hay, Corn, Bran and Oats.  
First Class Products.  
Your Patronage Solicited.  
Memphis 'Phone 783. 425 Beale.

A prosperous man should give some physical evidence of his prosperity, and if this statement be true Mr. Bumpus is a very prosperous citizen, indeed. Nature has been overly kind to him and outdid herself when she made him; for she gave him the proportions of a giant

and a giant he is, both in heart and in mind. For several years Mr. Bumpus has been catering to the wants of the public. The writer's first recollection of Mr. Bumpus was when Mr. Bumpus was in the confectionary business, and was such an expert manipulator of the soda water fountain that he could draw several different flavors out of the same bottle. He was born for a magician, but grew too big to perform the little tricks. Mr. Bumpus easily has the most attractive grocery store of any of the colored grocers of Memphis. His volume of business is very large, and its financial returns are very satisfactory. He runs a combination grocery, meat market and feed store, and is thus able to catch patrons coming and going. He is a good business man and deserves every success. He is kind-hearted, generous, loyal and true and deserves the best wishes of all good people. He is a dutiful son and brother and a fine man in general.

Sampson, R. K...Desota and Miss. Blvd.

R. K. SAMPSON,

Wholesale and Retail  
Dealer in

Hay, Corn, Oats, Bran, Chops,  
Alfalfa, Chickasaw, Timothy,  
Hay, Poultry and Produce.

Cor. Desota and Miss. Blvd. New  
'Phone 416.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Sampson is the pioneer in the feed business exclusively and is a hustling, energetic young man. His business has been prosperous from its beginning and it is a matter of satisfaction to Mr. Sampson that his business has continued to grow from the first day he began.



## Foremen

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Alexander, Chas.....Bailey Bros.

Barnett, Clem.....I. C. R. R.

Barnett, Wm...Memphis Consolidated  
Gas and Electric Light Company.

Barton, George..Car Clearing Depart-  
ment 'Frisco R. R.

Bradford, Isom..Va-Carolina Chemical  
Company.

Cooper, Frank..Memphis Engineering  
Department.

Mr. Cooper for a generation has been one of the most valuable and experienced men connected with the engineering department of the city of Memphis. His knowledge and mastery of the work may be considered so complete that his services could not be easily dispensed with. He is a big man holding a big job.

Cotton Abraham.....Willins Coal Co.  
Crawford, Frank.....742 Simmons

Mr. Crawford has for five years or more been foreman of the construction department of the Memphis Street Railway Company and is one of the most competent as well as the most conspicuous colored foreman in the city of Memphis. He may be seen at almost any time supervising a gang of workmen on the street car tracks. He holds a very responsible position. He was born in Chattanooga and has filled in other cities positions similar in capacity to the one he now so honorably fills. He is a large and powerful man and is able both mentally and physically to take care of himself and perform the duties of his position. Col. Crawford has the right kind of sand in his craw.

Dailey, Walter..Brown Shoe and Handle  
Company.

Fields, Bal T..Wm. R. Moore Dry Goods  
Company.

Fowlkes, G. W..R. Woolfenden & Co.,  
Exporters.

Mr. Fowlkes is one of the best known and most highly intelligent young men of the city of Memphis. He has been prominently identified in a military and social way with the life of Memphis and enjoys the respect, confidence and esteem of a host of personal friends. He is the ranking member of the Mossaic fraternity in the city of Memphis and is a worthy representative of the character of its membership.

Gammon, James, Miller Paving Company  
Henderson, Wm..Memphis Consolidated  
Gas and Electric Company.

For 17 years Mr. Henderson has been connected in an official capacity with the gas companies of Memphis, and for several years has been foreman of the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company and is one of the most valuable men connected with this corporation. Most of the responsible work on the leading thoroughfares of Memphis is entrusted to his care, and his services have always been highly satisfactory. He has an elegant home on Ayers street and a charming family circle. He is a pleasant man and carries his honors with becoming modesty. He has a talented son growing up in his footsteps.

Hill, Russell.....E. Roberson  
Hodges, D. J....Chas. Hollis, Contractor

Mr. Hodges is a pioneer in brick masonry in the city of Memphis, and is one of the most skillful workmen that ever handled the trowel. He is a master of the trade that he has so long and honorably followed. He is also a master Mason and one of the best known leaders of this fraternity in the state of Tennessee. He is a man of experience and ability in many different lines of usefulness and has done much to promote the welfare of his race.

Hunt, George.....Mat Moneghan  
Jackson, James.....I. C. R. R.

McLemore, Jno. M..J. A. Holmes Lumber Company.

McDale, Henry..Merchants' Elevator Co.

Miller, Calvin.....615 N. 2d.

Miller, James M..Shanks, Phillips & Co.

Mr. Miller has for a long time been in the employment of this well-known local firm and enjoys their confidence to a perfect degree. He is the father of Mr. Eugene Miller, the talented mechanic and engineer who has one or two valuable inventions to his credit. A worthy father and a worthy son.

Robinson, Frank...Memphis Bridge Co.

Smith, Chas.....Seiferd & Oppenheimer

Sneed, Paul.....Oak Hall Clothing Co.

Mr. Sneed is the head of the delivery department of this famous clothing house and enjoys the confidence of his employers.

Taylor, Chas.....Novelty Candy Co.

Mr. Taylor is an authority in the candy making art and is one of the best and most intelligent young men connected with that industry.

Williams, Wm....Mr. Walsh, Contractor

Wilson, James.....Shelby County Barn

## Fraternal *and* Benevolent Societies

### ELKS.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis June 26, 1906. It has one lodge in Memphis and two lodges elsewhere in Tennessee. It has in Memphis a membership of 100. Its local endowment is \$50. Its chief officers are as follows: Mr. Jas. R. Wright, exalted ruler; Mr. D. P. Sanders, local secretary; Mr. H. H. Pace, grand secretary. The local lodge of Elks is to be congratulated for the great honor conferred upon one of its members, Mr. H. H. Pace, cashier of the Solvent Savings bank of this city. At the last national reunion of this fraternity Mr. Pace was elected grand secretary of the order. This organization is to be commended for its effort to maintain a high standard of membership. All the members connected with the local branch of this fraternity are worthy, honorable citizens and would reflect great credit on any organization.

### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF IMMACULATES.

This fraternity was first organized in Memphis in 1872 by representative colored men. Its organization consists of

3 lodges, 8 courts and 2 gems. It has a membership of 500. Its endowment is \$100. It has valuable property in many states. Its chief officers are as follows: L. C. Moore, state and district deputy; S. J. Thomas, past treasurer; S. Moody, state treasurer; A. R. French, past district deputy. This fraternity numbers among its members some of the best and most progressive people of Memphis. It has done much good in the past and its prospects for the future were never brighter than now.

### INDEPENDENT POLE BEARERS' ASSOCIATION.

This organization is a purely benevolent one and was organized June 1, 1868. The original officers were Thomas Swan, president; Armstead Robinson, vice-president; Carey Griffin, treasurer; Allen Martin, secretary; Robert Pointer and John Wiseman, chartered members. In the early days of this society under the matchless leadership of Thos. Swan the Pole Bearers were a great political factor in this community and were a kind of semi-military organization, having been permitted by the constituted authorities to bear arms. The society con-



sists of 17 different Pole Bearers' unions with a total membership of 600. The valuation of its property in Memphis is \$10,000. It has no endowment but it takes proper care of its sick and gives its dead a respectable burial. Their chief officers are: John Blackwell, president; vice-president; Edward Green, secretary; Robert Steele, marshal; Henry Alexander, chief steward. This organization is not only one of the oldest in Memphis, but its history has been grand and inspiring. Just such an organization was needed to inspire the colored people in the early days of their freedom. It has always been powerful in this community and its members have always taken pardonable pride in the organization.

#### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis in 1892. It has in this city 17 lodges and 7 courts. Their membership in Memphis is 700 and is growing by leaps and bounds yearly. Their endowment is \$300, which is the largest paid by any fraternal organization. The value of their local property is \$5,000, and they have valuable property possessions elsewhere. Their chief officers in this city are B. J. Farnandis, president of the endowment board; Dr. G. W. Adkins, grand master of the exchequer; A. W. Williams, grand trustee; W. H. Wells, grand master of works; Mr. J. H. Brown, grand deputy chancellor. This organization is to be congratulated for the remarkable progress it has made along all lines. Its leaders are all worthy, intelligent and capable men, and this fact has contributed very largely to its success. Well may this organization be proud of its great achievements.

#### KNIGHTS OF TABOR.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis in 1880 by colored men of influ-

ence and standing. It has 18 lodges. Its membership in Memphis is 700. Its endowment is \$125. The valuation of its property elsewhere in the United States is in excess of \$600,000. Their local endowment fund on hand is \$4,000. There are from 20 to 25 death claims paid yearly. Their chief officers are: D. J. Mitchell, C. G. M.; A. H. Oliver, V. G. M.; J. B. Willis, C. G. S.; Dr. R. G. Martin, C. G. F.; J. B. Willis, secretary of the endowment fund. This organization stands high in the estimation of many of the best citizens of Memphis. Its leaders are able, safe and conservative men and its methods are such as commend this organization to the consideration of thoughtful men.

#### MASONS.

##### Ancient, Free and Accepted.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis in 1886. It has 17 lodges. Its membership in Memphis is 1,700, which number includes 300 female members. Their endowment is \$200, which is assessed. The valuation of their local property is \$35,000. Their chief officers are: Prof. J. A. Henry of Chattanooga, grand master; Wm. Porter, deputy grand master; T. W. Williams, grand high priest; Miss Pearl Hodges, grand matron. This organization has always been one of the most substantial of the fraternities. It has kept in touch with the progressive spirit of the age and has done much that has redounded to the welfare of the colored race.

#### MOSAICS.

The Mosaics as an organization are not numerically strong in Memphis, but they are quite strong in some parts of Tennessee. They are very powerful in Arkansas, Kentucky, and other states, and have assumed national proportions and prominence as a fraternity. The ranking member of this fraternity in the city of Memphis is Mr. G. W. Fowlkes,

who is a highly intelligent and progressive citizen. The leaders of this organization are all men noted for their prominence and wealth. One of the founders of this order is Hon. John E. Bush, of Little Rock, Ark. He has been for many years one of the leading politicians of that state and has held several federal positions of trust and responsibility. He is now receiver of the land office in his district. He is one of the wealthiest colored men of the South and has built his great fortune by his own foresight and indomitable energy. He is a veritable burning bush that lights up this organization, and inspires it with its beneficent rays. His home in Little Rock is palatial in its appointments and its occupants are unbounded in their hospitality. Madam Bush is a charming hostess, and their daughter, Miss Stella E. Bush, is one of the most talented musicians in the state. Mr. Bush lives like an Indian Nabob.

### ODD FELLOWS.

#### G. U. O. O.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis in 1872 with the formation of Memphis star lodge 1501. It has in Memphis 8 lodges, 4 households of Ruth, 2 Patriarchies, 2 Juveniles and 1 past grand master's council. The endowment of this fraternity costs \$325 a year and is as follows: For the first year, \$50; for the second year, \$100, and for the third year, \$200. The whole amount of any endowment is paid within 3 months after the death of a member. The membership is as follows: The lodges have 1,000 members; the households of Ruth, 400; the Juveniles have 125. The valuation of their property in Memphis and vicinity is \$38,000. They have cash in bank to their credit, \$8,200. Their principal officers are as follows: F. M. Nesbit, president of Odd Fellows' Hall Association; W. W. Coleman, secretary of Odd Fellows' Hall Association; Levi S.

Orr, agent of Odd Fellows' Hall Association; S. L. Steward, treasurer of Odd Fellows' Hall Association; E. R. Bell, president of Odd Fellows' Home and Hospital; Miss Corinne Webster, secretary of the O. F. H. and H.; H. C. Tate, agent of the O. F. H. and H.; Wayman Wilkerson, treasurer. Past grand master's council. J. W. Harris, worshipful grand master; F. W. Nelson, grand secretary; J. J. Evans, treasurer. State officers: Levi S. Orr, grand master; Prof. W. H. Fort, of Dyersburg, deputy grand master; A. T. Morrell, of Columbia, grand treasurer; T. P. Turner, of Pulaski, grand secretary; A. N. Williams, grand director; Dr. C. O. Hunter, of Columbia, state medical examiner; Prof. W. S. Thompson, of Nashville, endowment secretary; J. F. Booker, of Trenton, endowment treasurer. The Odd Fellows have always been a popular fraternity in Memphis, and it has more to show for its material progress than any other fraternal organization. Its leaders are practical business men and have infused their ideas in this organization. It has a very large and influential membership and in aim and in results this organization is second to none in Memphis.

### SONS OF ZION.

This fraternity was organized in Memphis in 1867 and consists of one lodge. It has no endowment. Its membership is 200. The valuation of its property is \$20,000. Their chief officers are: B. P. Covington, president; Alex R. Watson, treasurer; H. C. Sheperd, secretary. This worthy organization is benevolent. Its history is an inspiring one. One of the earliest societies in Memphis, it has done much for the welfare of our people. Their leaders have been men of foresight and judgment and they have safely led this organization to its present state of influence and power.



**UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP.**

This fraternity was organized in Memphis by representative men of the colored race. It originated in the workings of the Underground Railroad, an organization which did so much for the freedom and protection of the American slaves. It has 2 lodges, 9 temples and 2 juvenile courts. Its organization is represented by lodges in 33 states of the union. Their membership is 900. Their

endowment is \$150. The valuation of their property in other states is in excess of \$500,000. Their chief officers are: Wm. Porter, P. G. M.; B. F. Moore, D. G. M.; Wm. Lane, master; H. J. Phillips, master. This organization still has a firm foothold in Memphis. Its past has been bright and glorious, and there is no reason why its future should not be prosperous and secure. Its name deserves every success.

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## Fraternity Men

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**LEVI S. ORR.**

The people of Memphis feel deeply indebted to the state of Mississippi for providing a birth place for one of the best known, best loved and most enterprising young men, not only in Memphis, but in the whole state of Tennessee. He is a marvel of activity and has wonderful capacity for looking after many details. It is doubtful if there is another man in Memphis that can carry to successful completion as many different projects at the same time. He is one of the best examples of a high class business man with whom the author has the pleasure of an acquaintance, and his promise in any business matter is as good as a gold bond. He was educated in the public schools of Memphis, but the greater part of his education has been the result of his own self-application, together with that broad culture that results from contact with the master minds in the various walks of life. He has been truly the architect of his own fortune. He has willed to be something in life and Providence has done the rest. Every honor that could be conferred upon a layman by church or state has been his. No man has enjoyed greater confidence; no man has been more faithful to the trust reposed in him. It

is a monument to his labors in behalf of his people that they have been so thoroughly appreciated by all classes. The greatest encomiums are usually bestowed upon people after their death, but Mr. Orr is fortunate in receiving his while living. What he has accomplished is only possible for those that are endowed by nature with his kind of character which knows no defeat but death. His career in Memphis ought to be an inspiration for every young man in Memphis to emulate. No other man under the circumstances could have accomplished any more than he has accomplished, and thousands of men with superior advantages could not have accomplished the half. He is chairman of the board of stewards of Collins' chapel, treasurer of Collins' Chapel church and Sunday school, secretary of Pilgrim Rock League, agent for the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, president of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, trustee of the Old Folks and Orphans' Home, president of the Collins Chapel Old Folks' Home, and grand master of the Odd Fellows of the state of Tennessee. Under such able and wise leadership as the Odd Fellows have had in him and others it is not to be wondered why this fraternity has had such great success. It has flourished as no other fraternity in the state. Mr. Orr

has builded better than he knew. He has served well the interests of others, and Providence has blessed him in return. He has prospered financially as few others have done in the same length of time. He has had an eye for the future and in the days of plenty has laid by for the infirmities of age. He has some valuable property in the city and is adding to it as rapidly as health, strength and business success enable him to do so. He is the coming fraternity man and financier of Memphis and his friends are so true and loyal that they would rejoice to see him a millionaire instead of a man in good circumstances.



J. B. WILLIS.

One of the best known, most popular and most representative fraternity men in the city of Memphis is Mr. J. B. Willis. For years he has been one of the shining lights of the circle of lodgdom. He has been especially prominent in the

Knights of Tabor and has been honored by this fraternity with nearly every position within its gift. He is C. G. S. of this fraternity and secretary of the endowment fund. He has made a great reputation for efficiency in doing the clerical work in his lodge and is one of the most capable accountants connected with fraternity work. He is connected with nearly all the leading fraternities of the state and is a power in their councils. We were at first inclined to omit any reference to this worthy gentleman's birthplace, but as he has already made his mark and is a credit to the state of his nativity we see no reason why the state of Mississippi should not be given due credit for such a worthy son. Mr. Willis is one of the most skilled artisans in the South. For 15 years he followed the trade of a blacksmith and became one of the most expert mechanics in the business. Since quitting the blacksmith work he has been prominently connected with fraternity work and the real estate business. In the latter he has been as successful as in the former. He has done great work in developing and putting on the market for sale the beautiful Douglass subdivision in the eastern suburbs of Memphis. By his unceasing energy and enterprise he has grown in financial strength until he has become one of our city's most solid citizens. He is one of the directors of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company, and brings to it the benefit of his ripe experience and business judgment. He is one of the pillars of Providence chapel and is loved and esteemed by the entire congregation. He is a race loving citizen and has done his full duty in promoting the race's welfare. He is the personification of kindness and affability and a man of real worth.



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Mr. Nesbit has been an experienced contractor in Memphis for many years. The mere fact that the firm of Brown & Nesbit has a contract is sufficient guarantee that the work will be satisfactorily done. Mr. Nesbit is a wide-awake business man with a great capacity for labor. He is quiet, courteous and gentlemanly, and has a host of friends. In his business success he does not overlook the spiritual side of life, for he is deacon of the Congregational church. He is happily married and a devoted wife and one child form his family circle.

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Mr. Dooley is not an Irishman, but simply a plain and unpretentious American citizen. He is a man of versatile ability and is at home in many different kinds of endeavor. He is a first class penman; he has taught school; he is a manufacturer of ice cream and an all-around genius. The author believes that Mr. Dooley could make a living in the desert of Sahara a thousand miles from an oasis, so resourceful is he.

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would enable him to get up in the world. A little over a decade ago he began business in partnership with Mr. F. D. Clay with a capital of less than \$100, and by unremitting effort and business shrewdness the two have run this original capital up to several thousand dollars and are now rated in Bradstreet's agency as business men of high standing. Mr. Purnell is jolly and good natured and has the faculty of making friends and gaining the patronage of the people. He has a glad hand and a cheerful word for everybody and knows every turn that will enable him to earn an honest dollar. He is not a mossback in business and is not satisfied with the ancient method of sitting down and waiting for business to come to him. He believes in the motto that God helps those that help themselves, and consequently he goes out in the highways and byways after his patrons and induces them to give him their patronage. Mainly through his enterprise the firm of Purnell & Clay has three prosperous stores, all located in desirable sections of Memphis, and these stores are a monument to his unremitting and tireless energy. Mr. Purnell is prominently connected with the Odd Fellows' fraternity and a power in the councils of that order. His affable and estimable wife is the leading cateress of Memphis and presides with grace over their cozy and elegant home.

F. D. CLAY.

Mr. Clay is the junior partner of the firm of Clay & Purnell and is the man on the inside behind the counter. He has the distinction of being one of the quietest and most retiring men of Memphis. He will never have any trouble on account of keeping late hours, for like Ebenezer "he goes to bed at nine." Mr. Clay is a slave to duty and is one of the most punctual and reliable men with whom the writer is acquainted. He may properly be called the colored Italian because he is so steadfast to busi-

ness and punctilious in its performance. He is a great man because he knows how to look after the little details of business and to execute orders. In his particular capacity Mr. Clay has been as necessary to the success of the firm as has been his partner in a different capacity. The man behind the counter is the key to the whole business situation and without him the business would be imperiled. He is a business man from start to finish and has contributed much of the effort that has brought success to his firm. He has always been economical and thrifty and has well provided for the proverbial rainy day. He has prospered financially and is a solid man in the commercial world. He knows the value of a dollar and puts every one out of circulation that he can get his hands on. He is a kind, sympathetic, amiable gentleman, and has in equal degree with his partner the happy faculty of making friends. He is a director of the new Pythian Savings Bank and one of its most substantial backers.

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Cook, Mamie, Miss.....240 Turley

Miss Cook is not only a hair dresser  
of ability, but she is a specialist in the  
treatment of the scalp for dandruff and  
other diseases. She also makes to order  
all styles of hair goods.

Gross, J. W., Mrs.....683 S. Orleans

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..Hair Dressing, Manicuring,  
Shampooing, Scalp Treatment,  
and Massaging.  
683 S. Orleans St.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Gross enjoys a wide reputation as a first class artist in her line and it is doubtful if she has a superior in the city. Certainly it is a fact that she has but few equals. Her services are in great demand among the wealthiest class of citizens who seem to think that no other person can give such complete satisfaction as she.

Hilliard, Laura, Mrs.....386 Driver

Several kind friends have very highly recommended Mrs. Hilliard to the author as being a first class hair dresser. Jones, Mamie B., Miss.....349 Turley

Miss Jones has a splendid reputation in her profession and is a very capable and artistic hair dresser.

Plump, Elizabeth, Mrs.....621 St. Paul

The word Plump in its ordinary significance means symmetrical and round. The subject of this sketch is a well rounded woman in ability, for she is not only a first class artist in the hair dressing and manicuring line, but she is a trained nurse. She is very popular and is identified with the woman's department of the Knights of Pythias.

Poe, Lizzie, Mrs.....714 Moore

Mrs. Poe has brought the same energy into the business of hair dressing that she has always possessed and will, no doubt, be among the best.

Pope, Dora, Mrs.....R. 606 Jackson

Mrs. Pope enjoys a splendid reputation as a hair dresser. She was highly recommended to the author by those who were in position to know her as being one of the best.



Ray, Delia, Mrs.....219 S. 3d

Madam Delia Ray is an authority in her line of business. She is a manufacturer of wigs, braids, puffs, curls, watch chains, earrings, breast pins, bracelets, and hair flowers. She mastered the art of making paper flowers, paper boxes, lamp shades, hats and cloth flowers. For ten years she traveled teaching art work in various cities of the North and South. She won the premium at the State Fair at Springfield, Ill., in 1897. Madam Ray's New Discovery stops hair from turning gray, makes gray hair black, stops hair from falling out and promotes its general growth. Agents wanted.

Rodman, E., Mrs.....699 S. Orleans

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**of Braids from Combings and**  
**Bandeaus.**  
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**Sale 50c Per Bottle.**  
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Mrs. Rodman has had 8 years' experience in the business she advertises and her own experience with her methods is one of the best recommendations, for under her system of hair treatment and cultivation her own hair has grown marvelously. Many who know her personally attest this fact. At the beginning Mrs. Rodman's own hair was about an inch long; now its length is great and its quality compares favorably with the best and shows the great value of her remedy and methods. We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Rodman and judging from what her friends say we have no doubt that her system of hair cultivation is everything she advertises.

Smith, Oscar, Mrs.....575 Polk

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Hair Dresser, Manicuring and  
Shampooing.

Memphis 'Phone 2971.  
575 Polk Ave.

Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Smith is admitted by all that know her ability as being one of the leaders in her profession, which she has long and successfully followed. She is one of the best known artists in the city and has a lucrative patronage. She is a highly intelligent woman and has the ability to master whatever she undertakes. She is the accomplished niece of Mr. Wm. H. Barnett of the undertaking firm of Carson, Barnett & Co.

Taylor, Cora, Mrs.....857 Lane

The author knows of Mrs. Taylor by the splendid reputation given her by her friends, who say that she is one of the best.

Turner, Mabel, Mrs.....776 Walnut

Mrs. Turner is well known as an accomplished artist in her line. She has experience and ability and can do the best service.

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Washington, Mary T. Mrs., 672 Williams

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Wert, Pennie R., Miss....1328 Kennedy

MISS PENNIE R. WERT,

Specialist.

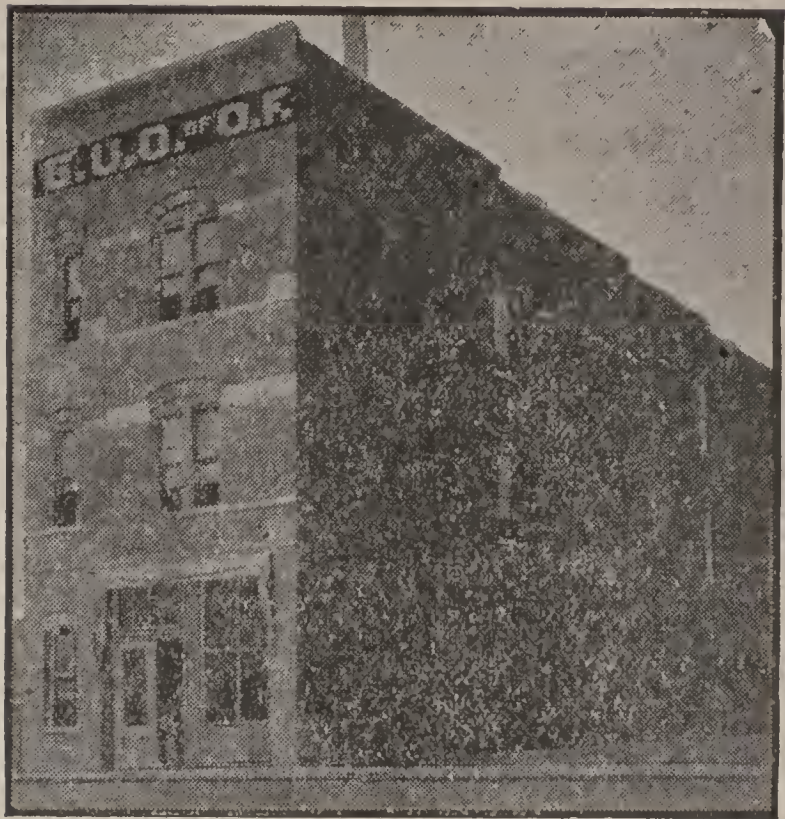
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Miss Wert comes well recommended in the mastery of her business. Her friends claim that she has first class ability in her line.

# Halls



ODD FELLOWS' HALL

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| Ham's Hall .....       | Gayoso    | Union Aid..... | Washington |
| Odd Fellows' Hall..... | 98 S. 4th | Zion Hall..... | 435 Beale  |

This hall is a magnificent 3-story brick building right in the heart of the business section of Memphis. It is the property of the Odd Fellows' fraternity and a monument to their progressiveness.

This hall is the property of the Sons of Zion, one of the oldest and most reputable benevolent societies of Memphis. It is located on one of our most prominent thoroughfares.

# Harness Makers

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| Dixon, Wm. M..... | 21 N. Neely |
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# Hatters

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| <p>Joyner, Edward.....T. W. Leidy</p> <p>Mr. Joyner is one of the best known hatters in the South. He is well and favorably known by the leading hat manufacturers of the North and is recognized</p> | <p>by them as a high class man in every department of the hat business. He has at different times placed upon the market popular styles of hats invented by himself and he is without doubt the most popular hat man in Memphis.</p> |
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A. MEANS

Means, A. & Son.....125 Gayoso

Mr. Means for years has run the only first class hat store owned exclusively

by colored people. He and his son have had long experience in the hat business and their workmanship has been of such a character as to give this firm an enviable reputation in business circles. Mr. Means is one of our oldest and best known citizens and no man stands higher in the estimation of all classes. He is a man of considerable wealth and has a commodious home on South Cynthia street. He has always been a good citizen and has done his part to promote the same. An estimable wife and three children form his family circle.

A. MEANS & SON,  
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It requires experience and ability of the highest order to give complete satisfaction in a first class club. Mr. Banks has both and his friends will bank on this fact.

Brane, John..... Bismarck

Mr. Brane is one of the most experienced and successful head waiters in the business. He is a practical, energetic, thrifty young man who has made his way by efficiency of service and strict attention to business.

Gaines, Levi.....Cordova

This popular hostelry is very fortunate in having at its head such an accomplished and experienced gentleman as Mr. Gaines. He has already gained his reputation.

Gillam, John W.....Waldorf Cafe

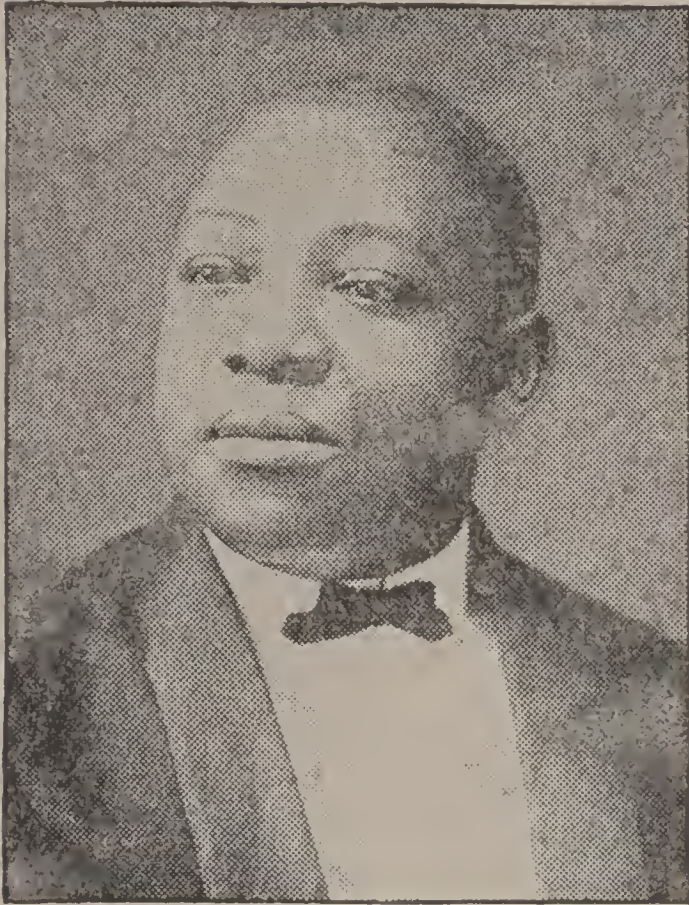
Nothing but a high class man could occupy such a responsible position as head waiter in this popular cafe. Mr. Gillam is such a man and his friends are proud of him.

Greenland, Samuel..... Arlington

Mr. Greenland is not as his name suggests, but he is very ripe in experi-



ence and ability in his profession. He is one of the best artists in the country.



**Dunn, Simon... ..Peabody**

Mr. Dunn is probably the best known and certainly one of the best liked men in his profession. He is experienced and efficient and is as popular as he is efficient. He has a smile and kind word for everyone and always has an eye seeking the main chance.

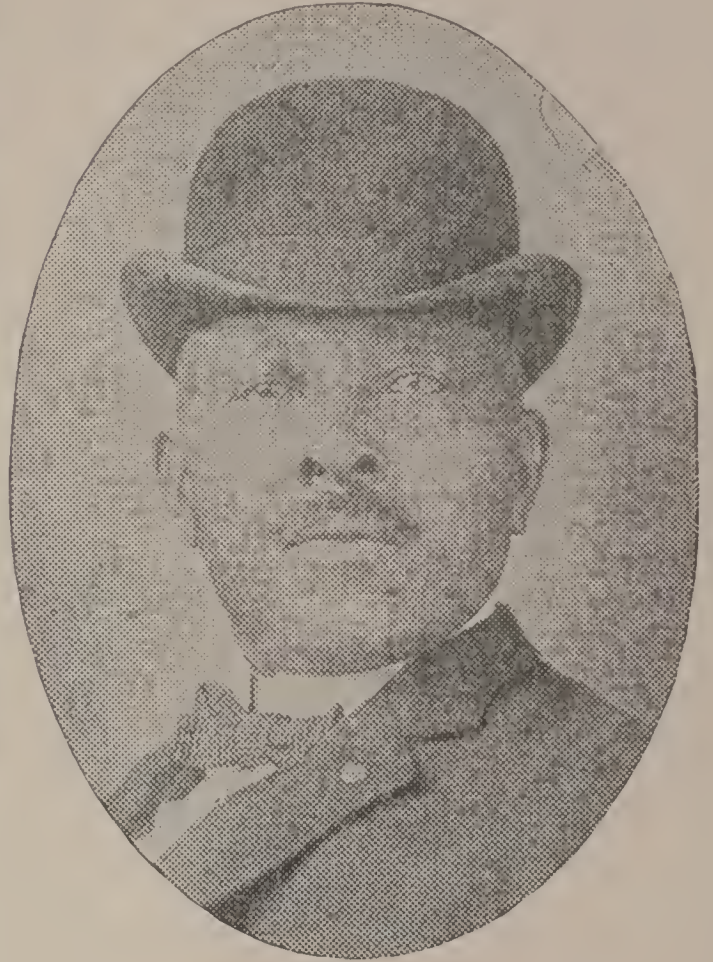
**Kittrell, Robert... ..Fransioli**

Mr. Kittrell creditably fills a position of great trust and responsibility. He represents the very highest efficiency in his profession.

**Locke, Alonzo... ..Gayoso**

Mr. Locke is connected with the largest hotel in the city and by experience and skill in his profession well merits the honor of his position. He enjoys

the confidence of his employers to a perfect degree and worthily deserves their appreciation. He is a stockholder in the Solvent Savings Bank and is a rising young man.



**Orr, Andrew... ..Floyd's**

Mr. Orr is a fine gentleman and is as big of heart as he is in body. He is an experienced and capable man in his particular sphere and knows his business from a to z. He is congenial and is personally well liked by all that know him.

**Ray, Chester.**

Mr. Ray is a competent and highly successful man in his profession. He has had long experience and is master of the ins and outs of his business. His record is perfect for efficiency and service, and he commands the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances.



# Horseshoers

|                         |        |           |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Bell & Brown.....       | 283    | Gayoso    |
| Campbell, Robert A..... | 733    | Alaska    |
| Clark, Edward B.....    | R. 374 | N. Dunlap |
| Conley, Henry C.....    | 287    | Queen     |
| Fagin, J. H.....        | 453    | Monroe    |

Mr. Fagin is one of the most accomplished members of his trade and is known as one of the very best.

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| Felton & Guy.....    | 166 | N. Fourth            |
| Gwyn, Frank.....     |     | G. W. Scruggs & Bro. |
| Hampton, Walter..... | 151 | St. Paul             |
| Hanger, S. C.....    | 237 | Jefferson            |
| Jones, Counsel.....  | 748 | McKinley             |
| Joyce, Anthony.....  | 334 | Madison              |

Mr. Joyce is one of the leading blacksmiths of the city of Memphis, and is a thoroughly trained and experienced artisan.

Lyons, J. S.....644 Saffarans  
Mitchell, Edward.....600 S. Wellington

Mitchell, W. E.....453 Monroe  
Moore, E. D.....127 E. Georgia  
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| Stanley, Jas. S. ....     | 237 | Jefferson |
| Timbley, John ....        | 444 | Monroe    |
| Timphey, Frank ....       | 444 | Monroe    |
| Williams, G. W. & Co..... | 237 | Jefferson |

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Woodson, Wm. ....666 Pontotoc

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Mr. Dooley has the distinction of being the only colored man in the community that is capable and prepared to

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Norment, Wm. ....Bohlen-Huse Ice Co.

Mr. Norment has had twenty-one years' experience in the ice business and is a valuable employe of the firm for which he has so long and faithfully worked.

Pope, Wm. ....Bohlen-Huse Ice Co.

Mr. Pope has had long experience in ministering to the comfort of his fellow Memphians and is a valuable employe.

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Arnold, John ....G. O. Triedel Lbr. Co.

Johnson, Warrick, E. T. Bennett Lbr. Co.

Jordan, Richard.....Anderson-Tully Co.

Joy, James .....Anderson-Tully Co.

Reed, Henry .....Lee Lumber Co.

Royster, C.....E. T. Bennett Lbr. Co.

Ward, Thos. ....Anderson-Tully Co.

Young, Wm.....E. T. Bennett Lbr. Co.

All of the gentlemen in the above ca-

capacity are men of experience and ability and by their services have not only reflected great credit upon themselves, but upon their race. Each one has thoroughly mastered the lumber business and can be depended upon to look carefully and thoroughly after the interests he represents.



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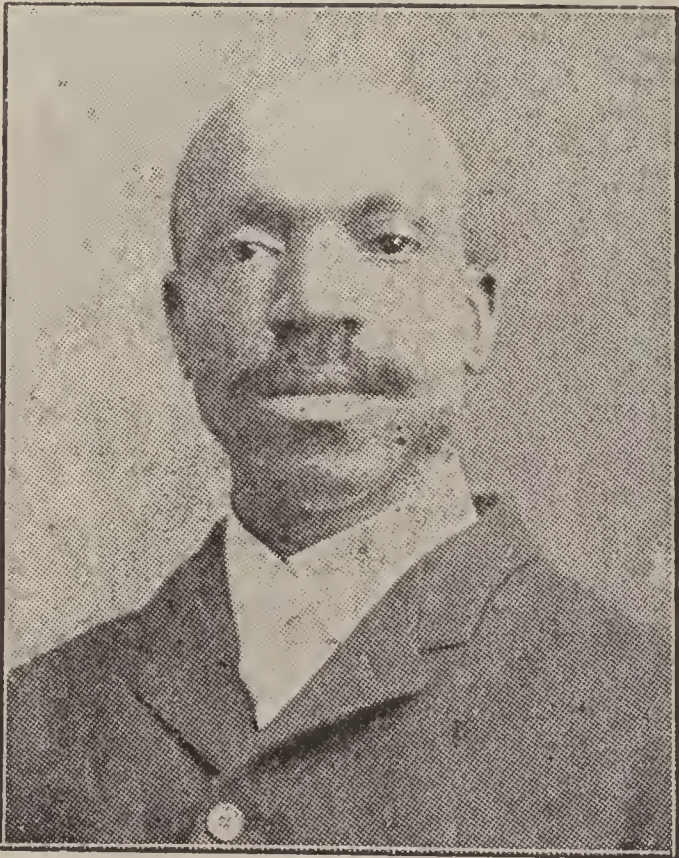
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# Insurance

- Banton, C. W. ....351 Beale  
Braxton, G. C...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Cowley, C. A...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Flynn, G. L....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Gary, G., Jr....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Gill, F. M....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Johnson, C. L..Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Lee, W. H....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
McEwen, Geo. W..Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Owens, R. M...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Owens, T. E....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Porter, J. W...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Price, James J..Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Smith, Sam....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Spencer, J. G...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Warren, Jno. A..Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Woodard, Sidney..Life & Casualty Ins. Co.  
Wright, W. A...Life & Casualty Ins. Co.

All of these gentlemen, with one exception, work for the Life & Casualty Insurance Co., with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. This company has the largest colored agency of any company doing

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Poole, L. ....Life & Casualty Ins. Co.

## Janitors of Churches

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Alexander, I. H....Linden St. Christian

Bowers, Carl .....Second Methodist

Coffey, Mr. ....Central Baptist

Mr. Coffey is a member of an unusual family. All are ambitious young men of sterling character and enjoy public confidence and esteem to a great degree.

Daniels, H. B., Sr...Second Presbyterian

Mr. Daniels is as widely and as favorably known as any citizen of Memphis and his constant association with the members of the opposite race has done much to show to them in a concrete way the bright side of the colored people of Memphis in more respects than one. In many respects Mr. Daniels is a man of unusual ability and he is so versatile in talents that it is difficult to know just what his particular forte is. He is an all-round genius and can do everything from the making of a pie to the construction of a house. He has a natural gift for tinkering and constructing and if he had the proper instruments and conveniences he could probably repair almost anything. He is one of the most thorough race-loving men in the world and has striven to do even more than his part for the uplift of the race. He is a reader and thinker and a highly intelligent man. He is a marvel of enterprise, get up, energy and thrift and by the exercise of these qualities he has become one of the most substantial and representative citizens of Memphis. He has valuable rental property that brings him in a handsome income, and with fortune blessing his efforts in the future as it has in the past, the day is not far distant when he will be one of the wealthiest colored citizens of Memphis.

Mr. Daniels is an ideal citizen and an honorable man and believes strictly in what is right and in hewing to the line, let the chips fall where they may.

The author has known Mr. Daniels for twenty-five years, and is pleased to give this faint testimonial of his regard. The life of Mr. Daniels in this community is an unsealed book and a model for aspiring youth to imitate. He is the material out of which the kings of the earth are made, for he is a worthy man and a bright example of race enterprise and race possibility.

Galloway, John .....First Presbyterian

Mr. Galloway is a steady, reliable, honorable man that knows nothing less than the faithful performance of his duty. He is probably the oldest janitor in Memphis in point of continuous service.

Hammon, George...St. Mary's Cathedral

Harris, Harry...Court Ave. Presbyterian

Johnson, Wm.....Calvary Episcopal

It gives the writer another pleasure to write a few words of commendation concerning Mr. Johnson, whom he has had the pleasure of knowing the greater part of Mr. Johnson's life. For ten years Mr. Johnson has been the efficient and faithful janitor of Calvary Episcopal Church, and has performed his duties with that fidelity that is characteristic of the man. He is efficient in whatever he undertakes and we are quite sure that as janitor he is one of the best in the business. He is a man of fine education and has the ability to make his mark in anything he might attempt. He is a gentleman of high ideals and has every attribute of a high-class gentleman.

Morris, Wm.....First Baptist

Mosby, John .....First Methodist

Mr. Mosby is a man that has the intelligence to be efficient in every capacity that he may attempt to fill, and it is not surprising that he is one of the most efficient janitors connected with the churches of Memphis. He is a patron of education and has given his children advantages. One of his daughters, Miss Maud, is a teacher in the public schools of Memphis and the other daughter is the wife of one of the most progressive young men of Memphis, Mr. Alonzo Locke.

Smith, Fred .....Jewish Synagogue

Tandy, Porter .....Grace Episcopal

Winfield, Scott ....Miss. Ave. Christian



## Janitors, Miscellaneous

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### Hack, Godfrey .....Court House

One of the most intelligent and reliable citizens of Memphis is Mr. Godfrey Hack, the efficient and courteous assistant janitor of the Shelby County Court House. For many years he was a successful teacher in Shelby county, and did much for the uplift and betterment of his people. He is a quiet, modest, unassuming gentleman, with a thoughtful turn of mind and at all times has given a good account of himself in everything that he has attempted.



### Hemingway, Wm. .Mem. Merchants' Ex.

A man of unusual fidelity in the performance of his duty and perfectly reliable in every application of the term is Mr. Wm. Hemingway who has served

in his present capacity with the Memphis Merchants' Exchange for twenty years. It is probable that no other colored citizen of Memphis is more widely and more favorably known by the business men of Memphis than Mr. Hemingway. He is a native of Memphis and has always been well known in social and business circles. He is steady, punctilious and conscientious in the performance of his duties and in this respect no other citizen of Memphis has a better record. Many other citizens may have more of the world's goods than he, but no other citizen in Memphis has been more faithful to the trust reposed in him for so many years than Mr. Hemingway. He is prominently connected and his people have always enjoyed the best social standing. The proverbial luck that has persistently followed Mr. Hemingway all his life was especially in evidence in his selection of a partner for life who is one of the most refined, talented and accomplished young women of Memphis. She is one of our best musicians and her services are in great demand as a teacher and on public occasions. A fine, precocious boy is the inspiration and blessing of their home.

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Mr. Strong has a significant name and in character and moral worth he exemplifies this quality in its strongest application. He is a steady, worthy and reliable citizen and a promoter of all that is good and elevating for the race. He is a patron of education and graduated his daughter from the public high school of this city.

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Johnson, M. L.....285 Monroe  
Jones, J. W.....87 Exchange

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mend the workmanship of Mr. Reed.  
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Day, Alex. ....Kirk  
Hardy, Henry .....285 Monroe

Mr. Hardy is probably the oldest  
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Hill, Jacob .....132 S. Fourth

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He is very enterprising and industrious

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Wiley, David .....894 S. Third


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Williamson, A. L.....592 St. Paul

Mr. Williamson is one of the most  
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than he can readily do. He is white in  
principle if not in color, and is one of  
the best and most intelligent citizens  
of Memphis.

# Lathers

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|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Brown, Chas.....478       | Wicks      | Jones, Ernest .....748   | McKinley    |
| Brown, Wm. ....R. 480     | N. Fourth  | Little, E. ....560       | Wicks       |
| Dodson, J. T. ....288     | Queen      | Marp, Edward .....Knight |             |
| Ferguson, Wm. ....418     | Wellington | McKinney, Mr. ....325    | Queen       |
| Garrison, Joseph .....765 | Edith      | Miller, Samuel .....244  | Saffarans   |
| Johnson, Jack .....976    | Louisa     | Taylor, Arthur.....1071  | Kimbrough   |
| Jones, E. ....395         | S. Driver  | Tombs, Chas. ....366     | S. Humphrey |

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Solicitor in Chancery.

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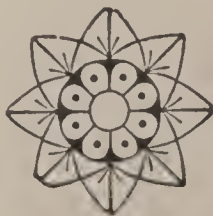
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**Hoskins, Henry C.....673 N. Second**

**Hudson, Edward .....943 N. Annie**



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| Johnson, Allie.....     | 961 Lenow         |    |
| Jones, Henry.....       | R. 210 N. Dunlap  |    |
| Kibble, George.....     | 403 Leath         |    |
| Matthews, George....    | 103 S. Lauderdale |    |
| McCracken, Wm.....      | 661 Phelan        |    |
| McDonald, Stephen....   | R. 317 St. Paul   |    |
| Moore, Wm. H.....       | 609 S. Humphrey   |    |
| Newell, Washington,.... | 247 N. Dunlap     |    |
| Pope, Jerry.....        | 378 Winchester    |    |
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Raynor, Joseph.....908 N. Bellevue

Reeves, H. K.....390 S. Humphrey

Reid, James.....487 Williams

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| Rice, Daniel A.....    | 784 Williams  |
| Sanders, Milton.....   | 340 Cambridge |
| Samuels, Theodore..... | 612 Polk      |
| Saunders, John M.....  | 340 Cambridge |
| Settle, H. M.....      | 371 Calhoun   |

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| Slayden, Chas.....     | 665 Autumn        |
| Spratt, Chas.....      | 106 S. Lauderdale |
| Taylor, Fred.....      | 423 S. Lauderdale |
| Taylor, George.....    | 719 Simmons       |
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### A. M. E. CHURCH.

**Rev. W. A. Lewis..S. Memphis District**

This reverend gentleman heading the list of presiding elders of the various branches of the Methodist Church is one of the best known and most highly esteemed ministers in the state of Tennessee. He is a veteran in ministerial work and has for a generation been a veritable pillar of Methodism in Tennessee. He is a man of great force of character. His whole life has been one of unceasing effort in the uplift of our people. He is a fine judge of human nature and has all the requirements for successful leadership. He has served his church well and in nearly every capacity. He has been thoroughly tested in the fire of real service and nothing but pure gold has come from the crucible. All of his life has been devoted to serious study. He is a student that is not afraid to burn the midnight oil. By his own self-application he has pursued with credit various courses of study, both by correspondence and otherwise. The author remembers with pleasure the time when the degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred upon this able minister. He is largely a self-made man and his present honorable position in his church is more the result of his own sacrifice and efforts than of any special advantages in life.

**Rev. C. H. Shelto, D.D....Memphis District.**

The author cannot hope to do full justice in this short sketch to the eminent ability of the great presiding elder whose name is at its head. He is one of the ablest and most gifted preachers in his branch of the Methodist Church, and his friends in Memphis take great pride in his great successes because of the fact that he is considered a home

product. Many honors have been conferred upon him by those in power in the A. M. E. connection. We have been reliably informed that the degree of D. D. has been conferred upon him by one of the leading educational institutions of his church. Dr. Shelto is a useful man and a great man, and being still in the prime of life there is no reason why the highest honors of his church may not be his before the end of his career.

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### C. M. E. CHURCH.

**Rev. J. C. Martin..S. Memphis District**

The eminent divine whose name graces the head of this sketch is a product of the Old Volunteer State, having been born in Gibson County. Nature seems to have rejoiced in his making, for she gave to the world one of the noblest specimens of physical manhood that is the pleasure of the eye to behold. In appearance he seems to be the kind out of which kings are made, and in personal attributes he is a well-rounded and symmetrical man.

He enjoyed splendid educational advantages in youth. He attended the Trenton public school, Roger Williams University and Howard University, Washington, D. C. For eight years he was one of the leading teachers of his section of the state and rendered great service for his people. He took a theological course at Howard University, and prepared himself for the most efficient service in his high calling. He began the ministry in 1890, and in it has merited some of the highest honors in the gift of the church. He has held the most important charges in his church, having been stationed at Collins Chapel, Memphis, Tenn., Miles Memorial Church,



REV. J. C. MARTIN

Washington City, and Sidney Park Church, Columbia, S. C., which is said to have the largest membership in the C. M. E. connection. So popular was he at each one of these charges and so effective was his work that he remained the full period of time that it was possible for one in the travelling connection to remain. While a pastor in Columbia and Washington he represented

the Virginia conference. One of the greatest honors ever conferred upon him was that of delegate to the Ecumenical Conference held in London, England, in Sept., 1901. This was probably the most representative religious conference that has been held in modern times. Delegates from the whole world attended. As there were only nine delegates representing his church from the



United States it is obvious to all that the honor of being a delegate to this conference was a great one.

There is a belief existing, though it may be erroneous, that the Lord will take care of those to whom he has entrusted the expounding of his word, and that he will make them not only powerful instruments for good, but that he will see that they prosper. Such seems to be the case in the life of Rev. J. C. Martin. Not only has his ministry among his people been blessed with great and lasting results, but he him-

people whose activities have been confined to matters outside of the business world. He is not only a great church financier, but he has ably looked after his own financial interests and every dollar that he has earned is an honest dollar and the result of his own business judgment. He is the wealthiest of our local ministers, and probably at the head of the ministry in this connection. His wealth is not the result of mere luck; it is simply the result of a shrewd and active brain. He has valuable property wherever he has located



COLLINS CHAPEL

self has prospered in the material affairs of life. He has not neglected the opportunity of looking after his temporal as well as spiritual interests. He has always known the potency of the dollar and has governed himself accordingly. He was endowed by nature with rare foresight and judgment and he has a sense of business possessed by very few

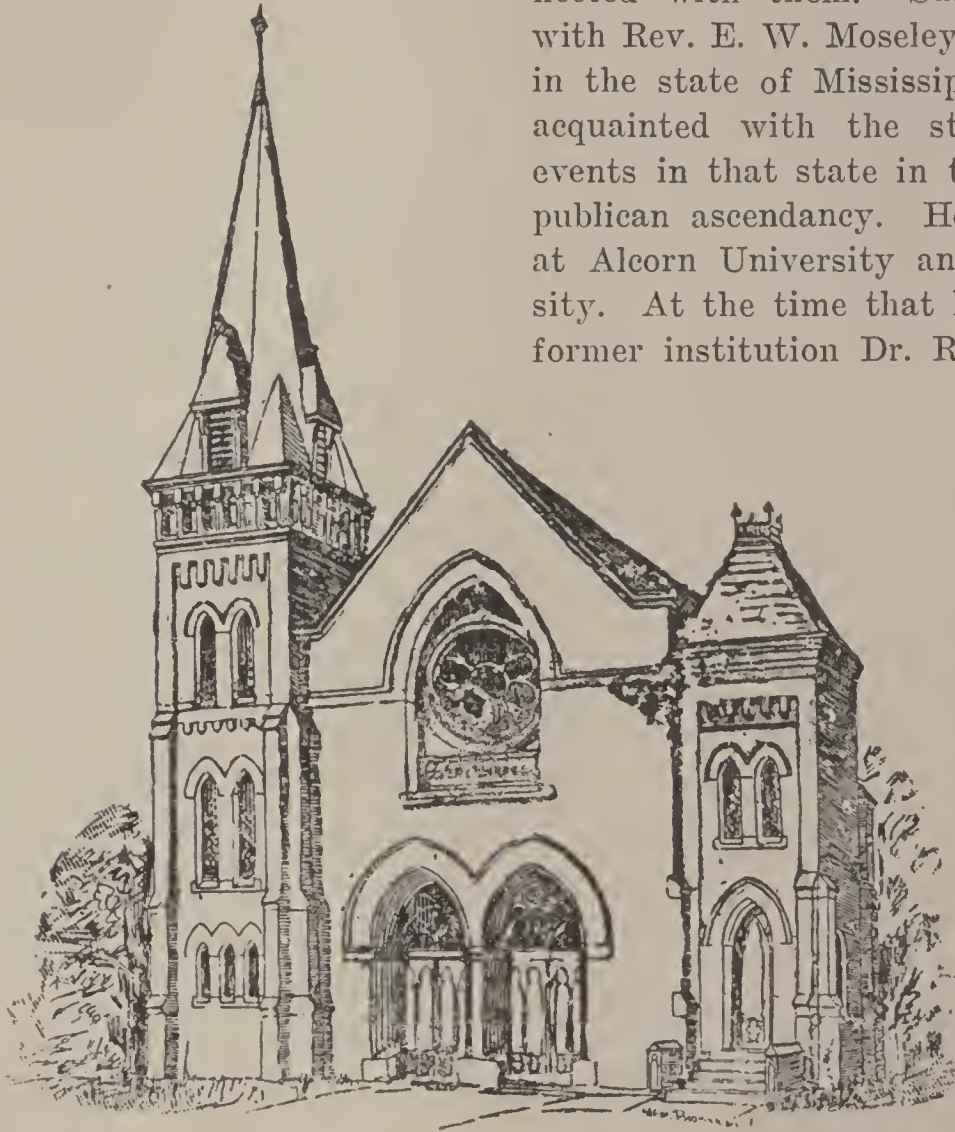
in the ministry, and has identified himself with the substantial interests of every community where fortune has decreed for him to labor. He is one of the leading business men of Memphis. He is one of the directors of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company of this city, and, also, a member of the Hayes Undertaking Company. Among

his property interests here is a beautiful residence at 1244 McLemore Avenue in the swell Kimbrough subdivision.

He is a man noted for his charity and liberality. He does not give for public show and applause. He does not stand on the house-tops and announce through a megaphone his every little charity, but there are countless instances of his

Rev. E. W. Moseley, Memphis District

It is the good fortune of some people to enjoy perpetual youth notwithstanding the fact that a long, active and successful life admonishes them of the approach of advanced age. It is, also, the fortune of some people to have lived in the stirring times of history and to have brought along with them the strongest recollections of the events and men connected with them. Such is the case with Rev. E. W. Moseley. He was born in the state of Mississippi, and is well acquainted with the stirring political events in that state in the days of Republican ascendancy. He was educated at Alcorn University and Rust University. At the time that he attended the former institution Dr. Revels was pres-



EVERY CHAPEL

liberal spirit and kindness of heart. He has helped the poor and needy and endeared himself to many who were sadly in need of a helping hand. He has, indeed, prospered but in his prosperity he has remembered that all things are the Lord's and that man is simply the custodian for their distribution in a beneficial way to mankind. He is a great preacher and a great man.

ident, and this famous institution was at the zenith of its power. Dr. Moseley labored in the teachers' profession for thirteen years in the States of Mississippi and Texas. He entered the ministry in 1874, and is one of the oldest in his connection in length of service. He has been presiding elder for twenty-one years and has presided longer than any other minister. He has served



every district in the conference and some of them more than once. He has been a member of the Connectional Board from Tennessee for fifteen years and elected at each General Conference. He has served as secretary of the General Mission Board, president of the General Extension Board and assistant editor of the Christian Index. He has always been a power in the councils of his church and has done inestimable good. He is pleasant, kind and earnest Christian worker and unceasing in his efforts to further the Master's kingdom.

In connection with his religious work

Rev. J. S. Smothers....Jackson District

The state of Maryland has honored the state of Tennessee by giving to it for service and usefulness one of Maryland's most gifted sons. He attended the common schools of Maryland and took a special course of training at Howard university, Washington, D. C. He has been an inveterate student and has accomplished great things by his individual efforts. His life has been eventful and filled with many duties along different lines. While in Washington he served two terms on the circuit jury,



ST. STEPHEN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

he has been very prominently connected with fraternities in Tennessee. He is Past Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of this state and grand chaplain of this fraternity for life.

He is one of the most interesting men one can meet in a day's journey and his reminiscences of the occurrences in his stirring and eventful life would be of interest to everyone. He is an able preacher and a worthy preacher whom to know is to love.

one term on the criminal jury and two special terms at other times.

He has been a delegate to the general conference for 16 years. He served as presiding elder over the Petersburg and Washington districts in the Virginia conference. For 5 years he has been presiding elder in the Tennessee conference. He is a man of great prominence in his church and has done great things to raise his branch of the Christian church to its present high position of influence and power. He is one of na-

ture's noblemen, as may be seen from his distinguished appearance. Nature seems to have created him out of her choicest elements and conferred upon him the dignity of a king.

For ten years he was one of the leading officers of the True Reformers in Tennessee and worked unceasingly to advance the cause of this order. He himself is an example of the kind of men that affiliated with this great fraternity, and it is the hope of many that the work of this grand organization is not a matter of the past, but that the future will vouchsafe for it in Tennes-

see a greater success than has the past.

Rev. Smothers has filled as pastor most of the leading charges in his church. He is a preacher of ability and experience, having served in the ministry a period of 30 years, or since 1878. In his early life he engaged in the teachers' profession for three years, but abandoned it for service in the church. His life as a minister has been a success, and the world is much the better because of the great services he has rendered for it. He makes his headquarters in Memphis, where he has a substantial home and a devoted wife.

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Mr. Haskins is a printer of experience and ability and has successfully followed his profession in several of the prominent cities of the United States. He has been for some time at the head of the Printing Department of Howe Institute and has done much to add to the efficiency of the work in that institution. He is a very ambitious young man and nightly dreams of achieving fame in his business. He is an up-to-date printer with an inventive turn of mind, and can measure arms with the best in the business.

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Miss Jordan is the most skillful young woman printer in Memphis. For several years she has been the mainstay of the E. L. Simon & Co. printing house and has a reputation for ability that is very gratifying to her friends. She is a graduate of Kortrecht High School and a worthy, industrious young woman.

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Mr. Neilson is a member of the firm of E. L. Simon & Co. and is a printer of experience and ability. Before connecting himself with his present firm he ran a printing establishment in another section of the city and was very successful. He is a quiet, pleasant, intelligent man and an artistic, up-to-date printer. He is the business manager of the E. L. Simon Co., and the right man in the right place.

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fession. In such high esteem was he held by his alma mater that he was elected a member of its faculty as soon as he had graduated, and remained in this capacity for ten years, or until he assumed his present position. He seems to be a man of untiring energy, enthusiasm and resolution to succeed in his new field of activity. All who have met him are very favorably impressed with his personality and believe that the mantle of Prof. Steele has fallen on very worthy shoulders. Sincerity and real interest in his work are evident in his every action, and the good people of this community consider his coming a blessing to their welfare.



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special lectures were delivered as  
follows:

E. E. Francis, M. D., of the  
Memphis Hospital Medical Col-  
lege. Subject, "The Surgical An-  
atomy of Hernia."

Louis Le Roy, M. D., of the Col-  
lege of Physicians and Surgeons,  
Memphis. Subject, "The Pathol-  
ogy of Tuberculosis."

R. F. Boyd, M. D., of Meharry  
Medical College. Subject, "Ab-  
dominal Surgery."

## HISTORICAL.

The University of West Tennessee was organized at Jackson, Tenn., in 1900 for the purpose of furnishing facilities for the higher education of Afro-American youth. It aims to do the greatest good to the greatest number by inculcating the young of the race with the highest ideals of womanhood and manhood, and giving an opportunity

for the broadest mental culture. Six full sessions and one part of a session were held in Jackson, Tenn., during which time the school enrolled students from twelve different states and one foreign country. We feel that its claim upon the philanthropic and educational public is established beyond dispute. Its graduates have made an excellent record before the various state examining boards.



**New Location.**

The rapid growth of the school made it necessary that we move to a more metropolitan center, where facilities would be adequate for a great educational plant. Accordingly, in the spring of 1907, the trustees decided to locate the school in Memphis, Tenn., a city of over 200,000 inhabitants and business

and nurse training are in successful operation. Memphis furnishes a wealth of clinical material second to no city of the South.

**Location and Buildings.**

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and manufacturing interests that will easily make it the commercial mistress of the Mississippi valley. Well situated geographically and environed by a friendly and progressive community, we believe that the high ideals early set by the school may be worked out to their highest fruition. The departments of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law

from the noise of the business district and within five minutes' car ride from the proposed new \$3,000,000 union station.

On the campus are two commodious and well arranged buildings known as North and South Hall respectively. In North Hall are the president's office, chapel, infirmary, chemical, anatomical,



bacteriological, pathological, histological and dental laboratories. South Hall is divided by folding doors into two large lecture rooms, capable of accommodating 300 students. This hall may be converted into one large auditorium by opening the folding doors. The grounds and buildings are valued at \$15,000.

**M. V. Lynk, M. S., M. D., L.L. B.**

**President of the University of West Tennessee.**

The subject of this sketch was born in 1871 near Brownsville, Tenn. He obtained his education in the public school of Brownsville, at Walden University and Meharry Medical College. Few men of the race have led a more active and useful life than he. Graduating from Meharry Medical College in 1891 at the age of 19 years, he began the active practice of his chosen profession at Jackson, Tenn., where he had a very successful and lucrative practice. He has always been of a literary trend of mind, and therefore, not being satisfied with his accomplishments in the literary and medical fields, he began the study of law in 1900 and is now an eminent member of the bar of the state of Tennessee. To Dr. Lynk is due the credit of publishing the first Negro Medical Journal ever published in the world. He edited and published the Medical and Surgical Observer from 1892 to 1894. He published "Lynk's Magazine"—a literary monthly magazine, from 1898 to 1900. Dr. Lynk is also the author of two books, "The Afro-American School Speaker," and "The Black Troopers," or "Daring Deeds of the Negro Soldiers in the Spanish-American War." Over 20,000 copies of these books have been sold and read. Poems from the Afro-American School Speaker have been recited by the children of our race from Maine to California. The greatest work, however, undertaken by Dr. Lynk is the founding

of the University of West Tennessee. He is a firm believer in industrial education for the masses and higher education for the leaders of the race. Already many young men and young women have gone out from this school to bless and uplift their people. Few people are aware of the many sacrifices that Dr. Lynk and his wife, one of the truest of helpmeets, have made for this school and the aspiring of their people. In any undertaking the subject of our sketch does not ask, "What will it benefit me?" but "What will it benefit my race?" While he recognizes money as one of the greatest auxiliaries of success, he does in no wise treat it as the end of life; for had he so willed he could have been immensely wealthy through an extensive and exceedingly profitable practice of medicine, which he enjoyed at Jackson, Tenn. He is satisfied with work well done and remembers that:

"Men grown gray in labor grand,  
Are jewels fashioned by the Master's  
hand."

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**Mrs. B. Steven Lynk, Ph. C.**

It is seldom that women become eminent in the professions or in scientific work. Mrs. Lynk is an exception to this rule. She obtained her literary education at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., from which she graduated in 1891. She taught school for a number of years in Tipton county, Tennessee. She married her distinguished husband, Dr. M. V. Lynk, in 1893. Her husband's success in life is in no small measure due to her untiring assistance and advice. When he is practicing medicine she is ever ready to help soothe the pains of the suffering. In his duties as an author she has rendered him invaluable service in looking after his manuscript. In fact, she is authoress of a very interesting little brochure, "Advice to

Afro-American Women," which, as its name implies, contains some very wholesome advice. She graduated from the pharmaceutical department of the University of West Tennessee in 1903 and has acceptably filled the chair of chemistry and medical Latin ever since. Her work in this capacity and as general

helpmeet to her husband is as heavy as that of any other teacher in the university, except, probably, that of the president. We advise the young girls of the race to emulate her good example—a woman of a lovable disposition, of an immaculate character and giant intellect—a benefactress to her husband and race.

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## Professional Nurses

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**Armour, Sarah Mrs.....679 Pontotoc**

Mrs. Armour is one of our most competent and experienced nurses and can be relied upon to know her business.

**Bennett, Jennie, Mrs..7 Charleston Hill**

**Brown, Emma, Mrs.....412 St. Paul**

For years Mrs. Brown has been one of the leading nurses of Memphis, and it is probable that there are few, indeed, who know more about the work that she has so long and successfully followed.

**Cassell, Camille, Mrs....360 S. Cynthia**

One of the best known nurses among some of the very best people of Memphis is Mrs. Camille Cassell, who has had many years of successful experience in that capacity.

**Crudup, Maggie, Miss.....688 E. Ga.**

Miss Crudup is a talented and trained professional nurse, and has the ability to give perfect satisfaction under all circumstances. She has qualification and experience and is first class in every respect.

**Davis, Lucinda, Mrs.....617 Monroe**

**Dickerson, Rachel, Mrs.....681 Lane**

Mrs. Dickerson is well and favorably known as one of the leading nurses in Memphis, and anyone desiring satisfactory service will make no mistake in looking her up. She knows her business, and that is a very essential matter in such a profession.

**Gaines, Mamie, Miss.....Breedlove**

Miss Gaines has had special training in her profession and is experienced and successful in it.

**Hall, Mary, Mrs.....952 McDowell**

Mrs. Hall has been successful in everything that she ever followed for a livelihood and she has been as successful in nursing as she has been in anything else.

**Hart, Mariah, Mrs....362 S. Humphrey**

**Haskins, Lou, Mrs.....540 Williams**

**Hill, Harriet, Mrs.....303 N. Dunlap**

**Hines, Pattie, Mrs....358½ N. Dunlap**

**Jackson, Sarah.....677 Autumn**

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**Marsh, Junnie, Mrs.....Baltimore**

**McBride, Evelyn, Mrs.....680½ Phelan**

Mrs. McBride has a reputation in her profession second to none in Memphis. She has followed nursing for 40 years or more and is the equal of any in the business.

**McNeal, Mary, Mrs.....346 Clay**

Mrs. McNeal has an enviable reputation among the first class nurses of Memphis and it is doubtful if she has a superior. So satisfactory have been her services that she has been repeatedly called in the same families for years. She is a highly intelligent woman and has a standing second to none among the best people of the city. Her services are in great demand, and it is seldom that she has a breathing spell that she can call her own.



**Outlaw, Mary, Mrs.....R. 574 Jackson**

Mrs. Outlaw is one of the oldest and most experienced nurses, and she has the personal endorsement of some of the leading physicians of Memphis. This is sufficient evidence of her splendid ability.

**Patterson, Mattie, Miss.....101 S. 2nd**

Miss Patterson in ability as a nurse is in the first class. She is always employed and appreciated by the best people, for she is thoroughly competent and gives complete satisfaction.

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Mrs. Scruggs has a first class reputation as a professional nurse and enjoys the patronage of many of the best people in the community.

**Shields, Nannie, Mrs..Breedlove and Belt Line. Phone, Main, 5280.**

Mrs. Shields enjoys a splendid reputation as a first class nurse. She is experienced, painstaking, and conscientious in the performance of her duties and always gives perfect satisfaction.

**Smith, Emeline.....27 S. McLean****Smith, S. May, Miss..915 State. 'Phone Main 4168.**

Miss Smith is a graduate in professional nursing. Her experience has been extensive and her success great. She is probably the best professionally trained nurse in Memphis and knows just what to do and how to do everything that an emergency demands.

**Taylor, Alice, Mrs..639 Wilkerson. 'Phone Main 2642A.**

For 15 years or more Mrs. Taylor has been one of the leading nurses of Mem-

phis and has made a reputation that is as wide as it is gratifying to her friends. She has a host of patrons that know her and believe in her ability, and they have never been mistaken.

**Taylor, Charlotte, Mrs..547 Dutro Place.**

Mrs. Taylor is one of our leading nurses and has the ability to give perfect satisfaction.

**Taylor, Jane, Mrs.....595 St. Paul**

Mrs. Jane Taylor is known very extensively and favorably as an experienced nurse and no doubt gets satisfactory results.

**Troy, Lucy, Mrs.....554 Alston**

Mrs. Troy has been highly recommended to the writer as an experienced and competent nurse.

**Williams, Henrietta, Mrs..607 De Soto. 'Phone 1029.**

Mrs. Henrietta Williams has had 10 years' experience in the profession of nursing, 5 years of which have been in connection with the work of some of the leading physicians of Memphis, whose personal endorsement she has. Her services are in great demand, and she is not only a favorite with the physicians of Memphis, but with those who are acquainted with her superior ability.

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**Williams, Tiney, Mrs.....547 S. 4th**

For 45 years Mrs. Tiney Williams has been nursing, and during this time she has never been discharged nor has she lost either a patient or a child. She is a remarkable woman and has done remarkable work. She can sit up for 2 weeks with hardly a minute's sleep.

**Willis, Alice, Mrs.....Walnut**

# Public Library

Le Moyne Branch of Cossitt Library,  
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This library is open to the public at large, and anyone conforming to its regulations will be accommodated. It is the pleasure of the librarian and management to oblige the reading public, and they are anxious to stimulate and promote the growth of intelligence among the colored people of Memphis. It is a source of regret with those who

are interested in the cause of education that more of our people do not take advantage of the great opportunity afforded them by this library. It is really a public library and is intended to serve the wants of the colored citizens of Memphis just as the Cossitt library serves the wants of the white people. In this book we want to exhort our people to take advantage of this excellent library and make the most of it.

# Public Schools

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| Teachers.                  | Maggie B. Cox.         |
| KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL,     | LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.   |
| G. P. Hamilton, Principal. | Barnetta Goldsby.      |
| LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.       | LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.   |
| S. A. Haynes.              | N. E. Whiteman.        |
| BRANCH NORMAL INST.        | TOUGALOO UNIVERSITY    |
| Aleda E. Jones.            | Maud E. Mosby.         |
| LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.       | KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL  |
| KORTRECHT GRAMMAR SCHOOL,  | Annie L. Taylor.       |
| E. L. Honesty, Principal.  | LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.   |
| MECHANICSBURG HIGH SCHOOL. | Beatrice Robinson.     |
| M. L. Jones.               | HOWE INSTITUTE         |
| ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY. | Hannah Wilson.         |
| Mary E. Hall.              | LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.   |
| LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.       | Emma L. Crittenden.    |
|                            | LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.   |
|                            | Sadie L. Saunders.     |
|                            | KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL. |

The principal of Kortrecht High school is a native of Memphis and received his education within the city's corporate limits. He has been connected with the schools of Memphis

since 1884, and has served as principal of the High school since 1892. At the age of 10 he was a public reader and letter writer. He is the author of this book, "The Bright Side of Memphis."



The principal of the Kortrecht Grammar school is Prof. E. L. Honesty, an educator of experience and ability. He is a native of Ohio and has been connected with the schools of Memphis since 1892. The city school system of Memphis was very fortunate when it secured the services of such an able and experienced teacher as Mr. Honesty. Not only did he bring to the schools ability of the highest order, but he brought to them

Mr. L. H. Fields, the principal of Grant school, is an educator of long experience and splendid ability. He is a native of Tennessee and has been connected with the city schools of Memphis since 1884. He has been tireless and unceasing in his efforts to do good among our people and has contributed his share toward their elevation and progress. In his life are combined a profession and a calling. By profession

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J. D. Cotton.  
LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

M. A. Jackson.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Matty E. Porter.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Lilly J. Yancey.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

C. Belle Jackson.  
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AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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F. L. Cummings.  
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Maybelle C. Irving.  
CIRCLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Georgia A. Anderson.  
LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

Ethel C. Jones.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Marie B. Jones.  
LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

character of the highest order. He is a high-toned gentleman incapable of anything that is unworthy or dishonorable. The author has been personally acquainted with him since 1892 and each succeeding year has but added to the author's appreciation of the many virtues of Prof. Honesty. No man bearing such a significant name would willingly act in such a manner as to bring reproach upon it. Certainly the worthy gentleman has not. He is a quiet, pleasant, interesting gentleman, free from affectation and self-importance. He is a student and original thinker and in every respect an eminently practical man. He is an ideal husband and has a devoted wife and interesting family.

he is a school teacher and by calling he is an ordained minister of the gospel. In this dual capacity he is in position to accomplish untold good. His estimable wife is an ex-teacher of the city schools of Memphis and a woman of culture and refinement.

Prof. C. J. Neal, the principal of Carnes school, is a veteran in educational work in the state of Tennessee. His whole life has been devoted to the cause of education and he has achieved great success in his educational work. He is a teacher of broad information and fine executive ability and his results in the school room have always been satisfactory. He is a good citizen and a first

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LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

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Mattie H. Bell.  
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Myrtle L. Daniels.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Lucile A. Washington.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Jennie N. King.  
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Gertrude Bowles.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

class man with an innate tendency to attend strictly to his own personal affairs. He is prominently connected with S. S. work among the Baptists of Memphis, and holds a firm place in their affections. Two of his daughters are teachers in the Memphis city schools, and his whole family reflects great credit upon him both as citizen and teacher.

Mr. I. J. Graham, principal of Virginia Avenue school, is a teacher of long and successful experience and has been connected with the city schools of Mem-

phis since 1884. From his early youth he enjoyed the best educational advantages that his native state of Georgia could afford. He received a classical education at Atlanta University and is intellectually a man of ability. Not only is he a successful teacher, but he is a successful man on general principles. He has been a marvel of industry, economy and thrift, and has accumulated a considerable quantity of the goods of this world. He is easily the wealthiest school teacher in the state of Tennessee and possibly in the whole South. If perchance he should ever be-



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RUST UNIVERSITY

Priscilla Reed.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Beatrice Sample.  
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LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

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KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Elmira Pritchett.  
DYERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

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KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

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FISK UNIVERSITY

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Georgia Dickerson.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Sadie E. Savage.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Mary E. McMichael.  
HOWE INSTITUTE

Ronnie B. Steen.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

come superannuated and have to discontinue his duties in the school room he will not need the benefit of the pension fund to provide for him the necessities of life. He can retire from active service conscious of the fact that he has tried to do his whole professional duty and can live on the shady side of Easy street the balance of his days. His devoted wife is an alumnus of Kortrecht High school and one of the most intellectual women ever honored with a diploma from that institution.

Mr. L. E. Brown, principal of LaRose school, is a gentleman of unusual ability in the teachers' profession. He is a graduate of the collegiate department of Fisk University and has been connected with the city schools of Mem-

phis for many years. Before receiving his appointment to the principalship of LaRose school he was assistant principal of Kortrecht High school and principal of Greenwood school. In his former capacity as teacher in the High school the author had the opportunity of noting the character of his work. The author takes pleasure in stating that in the school room he has never seen a teacher more interested in pupils and more conscientious in the performance of his duty than Mr. Brown. Under him the interests of the pupil are faithfully looked after, and the results are as satisfactory as can be secured by any teacher. He is an experienced and successful chorister and has done much for musical inspiration in Memphis.

Mr. P. A. Dickerson, principal of Porter school, is the youngest of the principals of the Memphis city schools. He is a native of Memphis and a bright example of the possibilities that await even a Memphis young man if he has the true spirit of determination to do something and to be somebody. Mr. Dickerson is a young man of fine ability and will give a good account of himself in the performance of his duties as a principal. He is ambitious, earnest and gritty and will succeed in whatever he attempts. His estimable wife is an alumnus of Kortrecht High school and an inspiration for him to do his best. Kortrecht High school has been highly honored by the selection of Mr. Dickerson as principal of one of the leading public schools of Memphis.

#### GREENWOOD SCHOOL

James T. Franklin, Principal.  
LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

Samuel Rayford.  
RUST UNIVERSITY

Clara Booker.  
LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

Ida B. Williamson.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

Carrie B. Green.  
HOWE INST.

The principal of this school is Mr. J. T. Franklin, who has been connected with the cause of popular education in the state of Tennessee ever since before he reached his majority. He is a graduate of LeMoyne Normal Institute, but even this honor gives but a faint idea of his splendid scholarship. He is one of the best thinkers and most gifted scholars connected with the city schools of Memphis. He is an earnest, painstaking student who is not afraid to burn the midnight oil to gain knowledge and power. He has done considerable spe-

cial work along different lines of study and is from every standpoint a well informed man. He is strong in mathematics, science, history and literature, and has made quite a reputation as a literary writer and author among the teachers of Memphis and has produced several creditable works, among which may be named the following: "Midday Gleanings," "Crimson Altars," "Jessamine Poems," and "Drama Retribution." He is a gentleman of unbounded ambition and unremitting in his efforts to gain knowledge and to be useful. He is a teacher that reflects great credit upon the schools of Memphis.

#### KLONDYKE SCHOOL

J. M. Jones, Principal.  
TOUGALOO UNIVERSITY

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LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

Mary A. Wade.  
KORTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL

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LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

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LEMOYNE NORMAL INST.

The principal, Mr. J. M. Jones, is a native of Mississippi and has been connected with the city schools of Memphis for several years. He has brought to the schools of Memphis successful experience and ability and is a man well equipped for the proper performance of the duties of his position. He is a modest, unassuming, quiet gentleman, with a record as clean as a hound's tooth. He is a teacher of both day school and Sunday school and a ceaseless worker in the effort to do good. He is a man of deeds rather than words, and has a tendency to attend to his personal and professional affairs to the exclusion of everything else.





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Before entering the railway postal service Mr. Clark was one of the leading teachers of Shelby County. He is a well educated, polished and charming gentleman.

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 Shivers, Elias..E. T. Bennett Lumber  
 Co.  
 Smith, D.....E. T. Bennett Lumber Co.  
 Snowden, W.....Anderson-Tully Co.  
 Swift, Westley....Anderson-Tully Co.  
 Walker, Richard....Anderson-Tully Co.  
 Yates, J.....Anderson-Tully Co.



## School Janitors

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Coleman, C. W.....Greenwood School  
Cottrell, Wm.....Klondyke School  
Fleming, Henry.....Grant School  
Franklin, Allen.....Lemoyne School

Mr. Franklin is a good janitor and a good citizen and has had long experience in his work. He is a good all-around workman.

Freeman, Robert....Carnes Ave. School

Mr. Freeman is one of our best citizens and one of our best janitors. He is an intelligent and upright gentleman and enjoys general respect and confidence. He has a nice home on Jefferson avenue and an interesting family.

McNeal, James.....Kortrecht School

Mr. McNeal is one of the best qualified janitors connected with the city school system. He is a sort of all-around mechanic and has the ability to master almost anything that may happen on the school premises.

Stigall, Wm.....Va. Ave. School

Strong, Price O.....Higbee

Thomas, Jas.....Larose St. School

Mr. Thomas is one of our oldest and most efficient janitors and his ability is a matter of satisfaction to the powers that be. He is a very pleasant gentleman.

Wheatly, John.....Porter School

Mr. Wheatly is one of the best known men in Memphis. For many years he was an expert mechanic connected with the lumber industry in Memphis, but for several years he has been the efficient janitor of the Porter school and has given complete satisfaction. He was one of the original members of the Independent Pole Bearers' Association and has always held an honorable place in the councils of this society, and through his kindness the author was able to get much interesting and valuable information concerning the above-named organization. He is a well read, sensible man and a credit to the colored race. No man is more pleasant and agreeable and no one more deserves success than he.

## Shoe Makers

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Adkins, J. D.....431 N. Main  
Bennett, E. B.....954 Carnes

Mr. Bennett is an all-round genius, and it is impossible to lose him. He is a competent surgeon on old shoes and can patch them up to perfection.

Britt, H.....1642 Lamar

Coldwell, Marion.....193 Decatur

Chambers, Samuel T.....224 Jackson

Cole, Walter.....759 Pa.

Cole, Wm.....,...310 N. Main

Covington, J.....382 N. Dunlap

Davenport, J. J.....348 N. Second

Mr. Davenport is a shoemaker of experience as may be seen by the character of his work.

Foster, Jesse, .....250 Union

Fox, Thos .....Vassar

Garrett, Walker P.....728 Beale

Granberry, S. L.....906 Hawley

Glenn, Edward.....497 N. Third

Gray, Charles.....754 Lane

Greer, S. W.....208 Jackson

Hampton, J. P.....310 N. Main

Harper, C.....662 S. Orleans

Mr. Harper attends both to the sole of the feet and the soul of the body. He knows his duty in both cases, for he is a good man and a master shoemaker.

Harper, Pleas.....590½ St. Paul

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| Harper, Wm.....     | 725 | Como        |
| Hooper, Bush.....   | 180 | Jackson     |
| Hughes, Henry ..... | 588 | S. Third    |
| Hutchins, T.....    | 767 | Mississippi |
| Jones, James.....   | 404 | E. Butler   |
| Jones, S. W.....    | 606 | Jackson     |
| Lee, E.....         |     | Jones       |

Mr. Lee is a native of Mississippi and attended school at Tougaloo University. He is an excellent shoe man and an excellent Mason. He is a genial, kind and courteous gentleman with bright prospects and with a pleasant wife to make his home life happy.

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| Martin, Wm.....        | 114 | S. Second  |
| Mellinor, Henry C..... | 161 | E. Calhoun |
| Millinder, H. C.....   | 766 | Florida    |
| Moore, Edward.....     | 464 | Monroe     |

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| Moore, John.....         | 836  | E. Heiskell      |
| Paulett, Albert.....     | 259  | Walnut           |
| Powell, Lawrence .....   | 807½ | Poplar           |
| Randolph, T. L. ....     | 206  | Jackson          |
| Royster, George .....    | 412  | E. Monroe        |
| Sales, Joseph .....      |      | Polk             |
| Savage, Frederick, Sr... |      | Zellner Shoe Co. |

Mr. Savage is the foreman of the Zellner Shoe Co., the leading shoe company of Memphis, and has been connected with it for thirty or more years. He is one of the most accomplished workmen that ever manipulated the awl and last, and is at the head of his trade. He is one of the best known citizens of Memphis and has always been prominently identified with its history, hav-

ing at one time been a member of the City Board of Education. He is a parliamentarian of experience and ability and is usually selected to preside in that capacity on all occasions. He is a wit and philosopher of sunshine, and is the most enjoyable companion that can be imagined. He is an honest, incorruptible man and a model citizen. He is faithful and true, both in prosperity and in adversity and is the same to all men and at all times. He is the prince of good fellows and would be a good fellow among princes. In appearance Mr. Savage is striking. Age has but made his figure the more erect and statelier. He seems to have bathed in the fountain sought by Ponce De Leon. He does not look like an ordinary modern man. He looks like one of those old barefooted philosophers that wandered around in Athens asking and answering questions. But he is not a human interrogation point. He is simply a plain, honest, upright American citizen and one of the best men that ever cut a piece of leather.

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| Stovall, C. H..... | 271  | Calhoun     |
| Swift, Sam .....   | 549  | Mississippi |
| Trigg, N. B. ....  | 358½ | Beale       |

Mr. Trigg is a native of Memphis and one of its most favorably known citizens. He has had an experience of nearly fifty years in the shoe business and knows it perfectly. He is a man of great experience, the narration of which would be full of absorbing interest. No other citizen of Memphis can with greater interest and intelligence describe the events of his early days in the State of Tennessee. He is a pleasant, honorable, upright citizen and enjoys universal respect. He is a well read and intelligent man and always interested in the advancement of his race.

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| Triplett, R. L.....      | 231 | S. Orleans    |
| Wallace, John .....      | 395 | S. Howe       |
| Wallace, J. W. ....      | 536 | Mississippi   |
| Ware, Wm. ....           | 236 | Auction       |
| Webb, Wm. ....           | 29  | Charleston    |
| Williams, Wheatley ..... | 543 | S. Fourth     |
| Wilson, John T.....      | 607 | S. Wellington |
| Yates, Wm. ....          | 207 | Decatur       |



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| Barnett & Hurt  | ....R. State Nat'l. Bk. | Morgan, Hamson       | .....349 Beale   |
| Bland, Guy      | .....547½ Mississippi   | Patterson, F. H..... | 541 S. Third     |
| Foster, Robert  | .....Orleans and Polk   | Thomas, W. A.....    | S. 2d and Monroe |
| Keith, Edward   | .....303 Vance          | Tressel, W. E.....   | 314 Beale        |
| Sawyer, E. .... |                         | 193 S. Third         |                  |

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department are prepared to succeed in their line anywhere and many of them hold positions of trust and responsibility.  
Johnson, Bellina, Mrs. ....351 Beale  
Mrs. Johnson for several years has been connected in a clerical capacity with the M. L. Clay Co.

## Stewards

Phillips, Geo. R.....Lee Line Str.  
The highest testimonials of efficiency is his business have been brought to the author concerning Mr. Phillips, who has been connected for twenty-five years with this famous river packet company.  
Rice, Elijah .....Gaston Hotel  
Mr. Rice is one of the best known

citizens of Memphis. He has for many years been connected in various responsible capacities with the Gaston Hotel, and has worked himself up to the responsible position of steward. He is prominently connected with the Masonic fraternity and is one of the most lovable men in the community.

## Stockkeepers

**Cohen, Richard** .....Zellner Shoe Co.

Mr. Cohen has been honorably connected with this well-known shoe company for nearly a generation and is one of its oldest and most valuable employes. He is the genius that presides over the stock shelves and is complete master of his business. He is a highly intelligent, ambitious, hustling man and would not fail in anything requiring intelligent effort and push.

**Gwyn, Ben, Sr.**.....Johnston & Vance

Mr. Gwyn is the assistant stockkeeper of this well established clothing firm and has been connected with it for thirty-two years. He is one of the best known citizens of Memphis, having been identified with its business interests from a time the memory of man knoweth not to the contrary. He is a lover of education and intelligence and has given to all his family the advantages of the best educational training.

**Hayes, Samuel H.**...J. Goldsmith & Sons

Mr. Hayes has the unique distinction of being stockkeeper connected with the clothing department of the largest de-

partment store of Greater Memphis, and has performed his duties with intelligence and ability. He has had long experience in his business and is one of the most valuable men in that capacity. He holds the most responsible position in some respects, held by any colored man in the city, and reflects great credit on his race. He is a good man in the fullest acceptation of the term and enjoys the respect and love of all his acquaintances and friends. A few more men like Mr. Hayes would show the colored people in a much better light before the world.

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**Thomas, James** .....623 Polk

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**Ward, Isom** .....G. P. Frain & Co.  
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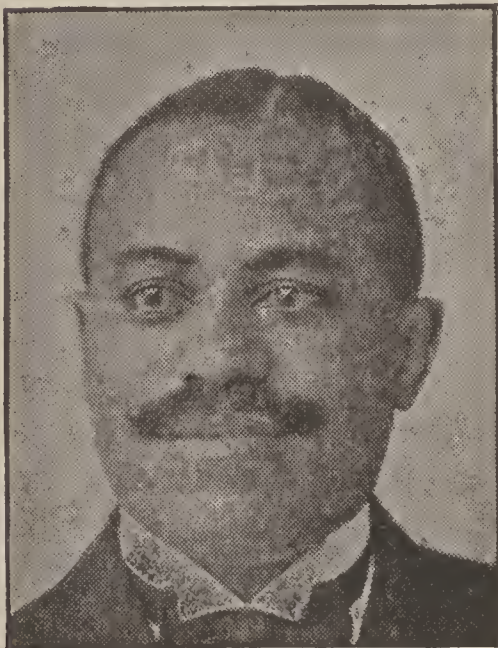
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Mr. Carson is the senior partner and general manager of the Carson, Barnett & Co. undertaking firm. He is a native of Tennessee, and has resided in Memphis since he was four years old, and this fact ought to give to Mr. Carson a very substantial claim on the citizenship of Memphis. He received his educational training at LeMoyne Institute

and went forth from this institution into the busy struggles of life. At an early age he entered the service of the Frisco railroad in Memphis as file clerk and remained with this great railroad corporation for seven years. At the expiration of this time he was transferred to Fort Worth, Tex., where he was honored with the high position of general stationery clerk of all the Frisco lines in the State of Texas, and remained in this capacity for three years, making altogether ten years of honorable service in an exalted position with this great railroad company. If he had desired to remain he could have continued until now in the service of this company, for he was honored by it to an extent not conferred upon any other colored man. But Mr. Carson is a very ambitious man and had an aspiration to go even higher than the position he filled with the railroad company, consequently he resigned, came home and entered the real estate business in connection with Mr. H. A. Roy-non, of this city, and was successful from the very beginning. A little less than two years ago, still having an eye open for the main chance, he became connected with the present undertaking firm of Carson, Barnett & Co., and has contributed his time, talents and financial strength toward building up and fostering the business welfare of this company. His active co-operation and invaluable services have done much to make this new undertaking firm one of the most substantial and successful in Memphis. Mr. Carson has been a marvel of industry, of thrift and has some splendid property to show for his efforts. He has two good pieces of property on Simmons avenue and five lots on Orleans, extd. He is a successful young man and a bright future awaits him. Any man with his energy, self-confidence and push is bound to achieve success.



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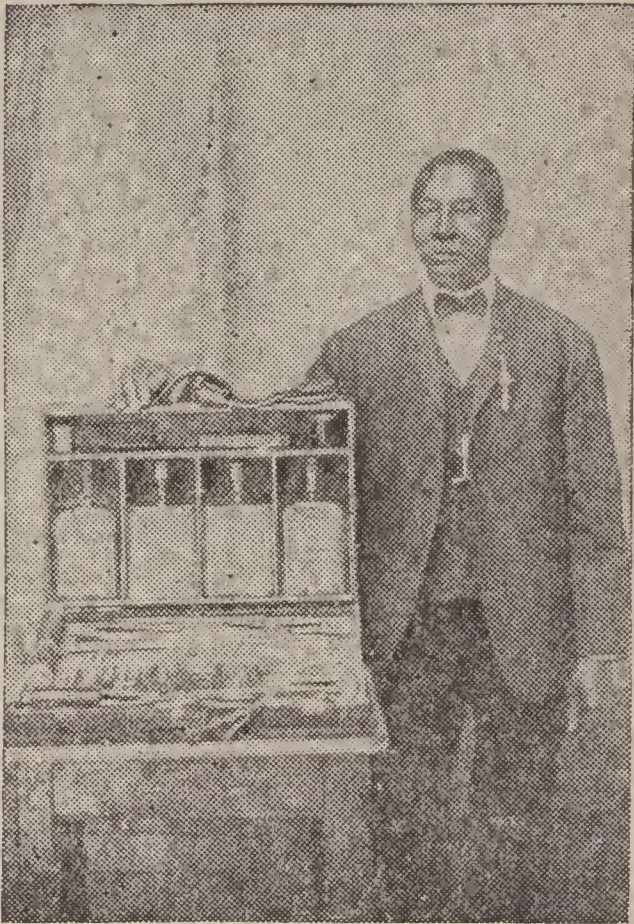


business principles strictly adhered to will not confer success on one's business efforts. In the undertaking business in order to be successful a man must have sympathy, kindness of heart, and real benevolence. These necessary qualities Mr. Hayes possesses in the superlative degree. He is probably the best liked and most popular citizen of Memphis and in financial circles he is one of the leading citizens of Memphis. In business he has prospered as no other colored citizen. His financial growth has been marvelous and a source of wonder to the whole community. Every one wishes him well and no one envies his extraordinary rise to position and power. He is vice-president of the Solvent Savings Bank, treasurer of the Reform School Association, treasurer of the Old Folks and Orphans' Home and a mighty man in general. As he has prospered financially he has grown physically until he has assumed the proportions of one of the great trust magnates in Wall street. He has a kind word and a warm grasp for everybody and would not do aught to harm a single soul. He has a charming family circle and idolizes each member of it.

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LEVY McCOY

has been prominently connected with the undertaking business and has been very successful. There is no doubt of his being one of the best embalmers of modern times. He seems to have re-discovered the secret of the ancient Egyptians, whose embalming methods have been the wonder of all subsequent mankind. Many undertakers are not very skillful, but Mr. McCoy is a happy exception to this rule. In his establishment may be seen the remains of a man in a state of perfect preservation, notwithstanding the fact that the man died several years ago. The remains of this man are on exhibition and may be seen at any time by those who wish. The author has taken advantage of this opportunity and is firmly convinced that Mr. McCoy, as an embalmer, is in a class by himself. He is a skillful taxidermist—that is, he has skillfully embalmed and preserved many specimens of animals and has them on exhibition in his establishment. His methods of embalming seem to transform the re-



mains into stone, and it is probable that Mr. McCoy can do exactly what the ancient Egyptians could. He is an intelligent, wealthy citizen, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all classes. He has been industrious and has built for himself an enduring monument in the business world. We have written elsewhere concerning this worthy citizen.

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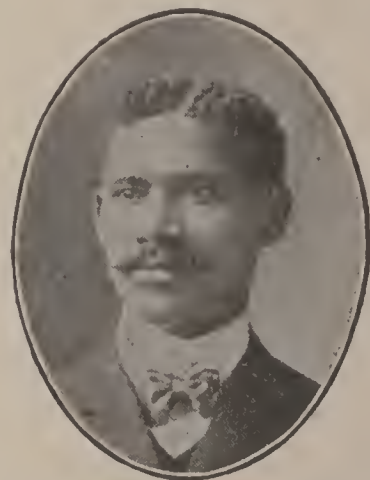


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Smith, Leon .....Mem. Rug Co.

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Hayes, Samuel ....Anderson-Tully Co.  
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Martin, James S....G. O. Friedel Lum-  
                  ber Co.

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Rhodes, James .....Gov't Boat  
Smith, Jesse .....Frisco  
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    had the pleasure of meeting him and  
    were profoundly impressed with his  
    ability as a mechanic. He is a valuable  
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    and his fellow workmen never tire in  
    speaking of his splendid ability.  
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Weaver, Joe.....Anderson-Tully Co.  
Weaver, John .....Anderson-Tully Co.  
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young man. He has struggled to rear  
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splendidly in his efforts. He has three  
daughters around whose lives he has  
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whom is a member of the graduating  
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Mr. Boyd for years has been one of the most skilled artisans in his line. He is probably the most experienced and most skillful workman in the city. He is a sort of all-round mechanical genius and seldom meets a proposition too difficult for his understanding. He is one of the best known citizens of Memphis, and has been prominently identified with the city's growth for many years. He has always been a leader in church and fraternity work and in both he has gained great honor. He is a veteran of the Civil War and a man who did his part to maintain the integrity and honor of the nation.

**Lymus Wallace.....613 S. Lauderdale**

Mr. Wallace is universally known and esteemed as one of the leading citizens of Memphis and so long has this been the case that the memory of man knoweth not to the contrary. He has always led an active, enterprising business life and for years has been one of the leading contracting dray owners of Memphis. In his prime he was a marvel of business activity and shrewdness, and did much to demonstrate the business capacity of his race.

Not only has he always been prominent in business circles but he has been prominent in the political life of Memphis. For some time he served as a member of the City Council of Memphis, and in this capacity he did much to promote the welfare of the city. He is a man of prudence and sound judgment in all matters and has always been noted for his conservative action. He is a patron of education and has graduated all of his children who are old enough to receive such an honor. One of his daughters is a teacher in the public schools of this city and another daughter is happily married to a worthy and prominent citizen of the state of Mississippi. Mr. Wallace's success has been largely due to the devotion and energy of his wife, who in season and out of season has ministered to his comfort and welfare.

#### N. L. EDWARDS.

No other man in Shelby County is better known than Squire Edwards. He has been connected with the official and political life of Shelby County for over a generation and in this capacity he is more conspicuous than any other colored citizen. His official life began early. He served as constable for six years, and was one of the first colored men in Shelby County to make an official bond. He served as magistrate and notary public in this county for eighteen years and during this time he accomplished much good for his race in discussing its interests in the sessions of the County Court.

Mr. Edwards is a farmer rather than a politician, if he were left to his own inclinations. He is one of the leading farmers of Shelby County. The farmer's life appeals to him as no other life. He knows this life in every detail and has been very successful in it at all times. Every phase of farming life is carried on by him. He rents land to tenants; he lets out land to share farmers; he hires laborers to till the land. He has had in cultivation at one time a thousand acres of land, and has produced in one year 250 bales of cotton. He owns a farm of 100 acres near White Haven, Tenn., and one of 90 acres in De Soto County, Mississippi. On his farm he lives like one of the great barons of mediaeval times. His home is noted for its hospitality. He is one of our wealthiest farmers and his property interests are estimated to the value of \$20,000. He is a sagacious, well-balanced man with an eye always open to the race's welfare.

#### PHILIP NICHOLSON, SR.

For over 35 years the leading truck farmer of Shelby County has been Mr. Philip Nicholson. He is the one colored truck farmer that has successfully contested supremacy with the all-conquering Italian, who seems to flourish



like a green bay tree in everything pertaining to the cultivation of the soil. Truck farmers may come and truck farmers may go, but Mr. Nicholson seems to hold on forever. He seems to enjoy perpetual youth. Forty years of active life have not diminished the elasticity of his step or the buoyancy of his hope and he is a shining example of the benefits of an active, out-door life.

He has obeyed the biblical injunction to multiply and replenish the earth and these carping criticisms on race suicide will never apply to him. He has one of the largest and most interesting families in this section of the state. He has given all of them the advantages of a good education and each one is well using the opportunities so fortunately given. One of the children, Mr. Philip Nicholson, Jr., seems to like a farmer's life. He is a chip off the old block. He is a model of quietness, steadiness and modesty and a young man of fine parts. Two of the young men are practicing dentists of this city. They have well equipped offices and are succeeding splendidly. Most of the girls are graduates of Le Moyne Normal Institute and are either serving or ambitious to serve in some useful capacity. The eldest daughter is the talented and estimable wife of one of Bishop Lane's sons and the next oldest daughter, Miss Angie, is a teacher of experience and ability. All the girls have been given the benefit of a musical education and they are very prominently connected with this most useful art.

Mr. Nicholson, Sr., is one of the wealthiest colored men in Shelby County. He has used his opportunities wisely and has distanced in the race of life most of the others who started out with him in the early days. He is a good citizen, a kind father and a gentleman that enjoys universal confidence and esteem.

### BENJAMIN J. JOHNSON.

One of the wealthiest, shrewdest and most successful business men of Memphis is Mr. Benjamin Johnson. The story of his successful life has the charm of romance and his great success is but the well-merited consequence of his untiring industry, perseverance, business prudence and thrift. Early in life he realized the importance of looking after the nickels and the dimes and he has until this day undeviatingly followed this principle. In this particular respect his life is in marked contrast to that of most of our race who seem to regard the small coins as money merely to be thrown away. It is a well-known fact that economy is a stepping-stone to financial independence, and that those of our race who are wealthy are thus blessed because they did not overlook the importance of the small things in life.

For many years Mr. Johnson resided in the state of Mississippi, where he still has vast property interests. He is one of the wealthiest colored planters in the state and carries on farming on a large scale. He has some of the most valuable land in the delta section of that state. While his farming land is mainly in Mississippi his residence is in this city, where his real estate possessions are very great. He is commonly reputed to be one of the wealthiest colored men in Memphis. From a popular standpoint it would take six figures to do full justice to his great wealth. He has splendid property all over Memphis, and his name is a power in financial circles.

No colored man stands higher in public confidence and esteem than he. He is a man endowed with all the cardinal virtues and is a thoroughly representative citizen. He has an interesting family, one of his daughters being the estimable wife of that progressive and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Edward Joyner.

**REV. J. K. DANIELS.**

No other minister of the gospel in Memphis has a firmer hold on the affections of the people in general than Rev. J. K. Daniels. He is one of the pioneers in his branch of the great Christian Church, and has devoted the best years of his long and useful life to the cause of the world's salvation. Many years ago he was pastor of Collins Chapel C. M. E. Church and did great work for this historic old church. Notwithstanding the fact that his labors have been elsewhere for some time he has made his home in Memphis. In his long life of service and usefulness he has not overlooked the preparation for the rainy day. He has always had sound business judgment and has more to show for his labors than the average minister of the gospel. In this city he has four houses which bring him a handsome income. His early foresight has been blessed with substantial results and now, in the evening of life, he can enjoy the same. He has always been a thorough race-loving man and has been unceasing in his efforts for the uplift of the race.

**W. H. WILLIAMSON.**

For nearly twenty years the subject of this sketch has been connected with the well-known drug firm of J. S. Robinson of this city, and it is seldom the case that any one has reposed in himself such trust as is reposed in Mr. Williamson. In his long experience with this drug company he has gained a knowledge of compounding drugs and of chemistry in general and it is probable that very few men, unless they are graduates in pharmacy, have such a knowledge of drugs in general.

He is a progressive citizen and a promoter of everything that is worthy. He has given to his children splendid educational advantages so that they may be able to look after their own welfare, and in doing this he has been ably assisted by his devoted wife.

**MRS. ROSA GOLDSBY.**

It gives the author great pleasure to express on the pages of this book some appreciation of the great services that the subject of this sketch has rendered to this community. It is best that people should receive some token of appreciation while they are living rather than after they are dead.

In many respects the author considers her to be one of the most serviceable women in Memphis. She is indefatigable in whatever she attempts. She is identified with every movement tending to benefit the race. No night is too dark nor day too hot for her to go on a mission of philanthropy or charity. She is a woman of abounding sympathy and is never so satisfied as when engaged in doing some good for others.

She is a veteran in the teachers' profession, her term of service running back to a time when the memory of man knoweth not. During all these years of activity in the school room she has preserved the same equanimity, the same ambition to do good, and the same personal appearance. She looks not a day older than she did in the year of imphy-umphy. She is the best known woman in Memphis, and one of the most popular. Nature in all of its power and variety has produced only one person like her, and that is—herself. She seems to have bequeathed to her two daughters her teaching spirit and ability, for they are both, like their mother, engaged in the profession of teaching. The author would like to state that Mrs. Goldsby is considered by her friends as really a part of Memphis; but in the author's humble judgment she seems to be the whole of Memphis, so thoroughly identified is she with every worthy movement in it.

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FINLEY CROSS.

Mr. Cross is one of our best known and most prominent citizens. For years he has been one of the leading contractors engaged in hauling. His business has been so large that a great deal of capital was needed to meet its demands. He has prospered in his business and has large real estate possessions to show for his enterprise and industry. He is a congenial and affable gentleman who prefers peace and the good will of all men. He has a very desirable home on Kimbrough street and an estimable companion to share his sorrows and his joys.

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A Randolph.....354 S. Humphreys

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Very few young men of our race have come to the front as rapidly as Mr. Randolph. Not only has he become one of our leading contractors and builders, but he has become strong in a material way. He owns some of the choicest property in Forest City, Ark.; this property is rented out and brings him a handsome income. All of his cottages are constructed in the most modern style and they add much to the attractiveness of that growing little town. He has every inspiration to succeed in life, for he is blessed with the companionship of a dear wife who has an eye single to his welfare.

H. B. Andrews.....Memphis Auto Co.

The subject of this sketch is one of the best known citizens of Memphis. He is a man of unusual intelligence and among his friends is noted for his bubbling humor, sparkling wit and apt

repartee. He is one of the "Old Guard" in the social world when Memphis was in her zenith. For years he was captain of the famous Tennessee Rifles—a crack military company of the 80's, and showed a knowledge of military tactics that would do credit to a veteran soldier. He has had considerable experience in literary work and is a good writer. His articles sparkle with epigrams and witticisms. The fact is, there is a general belief among his friends that he has kissed the Blarney stone. In late years Captain Andrews has been engaged in some form or other of electrical work, and is to some extent an authority in his line. He is an ideal son and the joy of his mother's life.

John White, Jr.....862 Lauderdale

**JOHN WHITE,**

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Mr. White holds an exalted place in the esteem and confidence of the people of Memphis. He is one of the city's best known and oldest citizens and his life has been one of great credit and usefulness to his race. He has been actively engaged in Sunday school and church work for many years, and in this capacity he has done untold good. He is not exactly white in complexion, but in character his name is perfectly appropriate. He is a highly intelligent man and gives a practical demonstration of this fact by giving his children the best educational advantages that the city of Memphis affords. Two of his children, Miss Violet and Mr. John White, are graduates of Kortrecht High School, and the others are attending the local schools. Mr. White is a musician of experience and ability and in the

days gone by when musicians were scarcer than now did much to enlighten the people of Memphis along musical lines. He is a big man physically and mentally and a credit to the community and his race.

G. W. Cooper.....232 Turley

The subject of this sketch has been identified with the city of Memphis since the days succeeding the Civil War, of which he is a veteran soldier. No man stands higher as an upright, honest and representative citizen. He is a man fearless and uncompromising in the right. In the heat of action he asks no quarter and gives none. He is a man of decided opinions and can be found either on one side or the other of every contention involving the general welfare.

He does not straddle the fence, the world knows where he stands. He is one of the pillars of his church and is ever alert to its interests. For years he has been one of the leading contracting haulers of lumber, and is still actively engaged in the same. The infirmities of age have not dimmed his eyesight nor dulled his mental powers, and like the war horse of old he still champs his bits and paws in the valley. Mr. Cooper is a good citizen. He has taken pride in trying to be one of the best citizens of Memphis. His motto is "The Best or Nothing," and he has lived up to this motto.

Samuel Williams.....431 Beale

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W. H. F. Brown....113 S. Lauderdale

Mr. Brown has the reputation of being one of the most skilled and artistic brick masons in Memphis. His friends, whose name is legion, are sure that no other workman in his line can surpass him. We are sure that Mr. Brown is a first-class mechanic just as his friends say. No man whose moustache has such an artistic curl can possibly be otherwise than an artistic workman. Mr. Brown is all right both as a workman and a good citizen, and we commend him to the patronage of all who desire first-class work.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.  
Ford's Chapel.....Horn Lake Road  
Rev. E. B. Cobb.....Pastor  
Residence, Horn Lake Road.  
Home, Batesville, Miss.

Membership ..... 100  
Valuation of church property....\$2,000  
Sunday School membership..... 30  
Sunday School officers & teachers 5  
Sunday School Supt., J. W. McGill.

REV. E. B. COBB.

The worthy minister looking after the spiritual welfare of the members of Ford's Chapel was born in the state of Mississippi, a fact for which he is no doubt thankful, inasmuch as he has so many distinguished and eminent divines that have the same nativity. He taught school for two years in Tate County before entering the ministry in 1894. So anxious has he been to prepare himself thoroughly for the ministry that he has taken a theological course by correspondence. We live in an up-to-date age, and if circumstances prevent our going off to college we can simply have the college come to us through the medium of correspondence. Such is the experience of Rev. Cobb, who has diligently and carefully applied himself to the study of the Holy Word with gratifying results. He is doing a great work at Ford's Chapel and his efforts have been blessed with fruitful results. He is an earnest, faithful, tireless worker in the Master's vineyard, and is doing much to further the cause of his branch of the Christian Church and the general cause of salvation of mankind.

A. M. E. Zion Presiding Elder.  
Rev. A. P. Petty.....Mempis District  
This well-known and able divine first opened his eyes in the state of Alabama. He has been engaged in ministerial work for eighteen years, or since 1890. His theological training has been obtained largely by correspondence and by systematic self application. Gifted



with the power of understanding to a degree beyond the ordinary, he has been able to build up a solid and substantial scholarship. He has been a presiding elder for ten years and has presided over three districts—the Batesville district for four years, the Coffeeville district for three years and the Memphis district for three years. The Princeton University has conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. No other presiding elder stands higher than he in the councils of the A. M. E. Zion Church. He is a pleasant and affable gentleman and a sincere Christian worker. He is striving to do his whole duty in furthering the cause of Christian service and usefulness.

osition there is something going to happen. Not only is he active in business, but he is also active in church and Sunday school work. He is a good citizen and zealous in every worthy cause. He is pious without cant, earnest without affectation, and honest without dissimulation.

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**S. A. Martin.....634 Polk**

Mr. Martin is an enterprising business man and counts that day lost on which he has not succeeded in accomplishing something substantial in his line. He is a hustler from Hustlersville, and when he goes after a business prop-



**H. C. Shepherd.....435 Beale**

The Lone Star State has the honor of giving to Memphis one of its most enterprising and useful citizens in the person of Mr. H. C. Shepherd, the general secretary of the Zion Cemetery Co. and the United Sons of Zion. He is a young



specimen of physical and intellectual manhood. He is thoroughly up to date and possesses all the attributes that go to make up a well-balanced and accomplished gentleman. He has come South to practice his profession and the people of Memphis are to be congratulated because a young physician so well prepared for his profession has settled in their midst.

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**EDWARD R. YATES**  
 Contracting Brick Mason.  
 814 Michigan Ave., Memphis  
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Mr. Yates is one of the leading brick contractors of Memphis and his connection with a job as contractor is sufficient guarantee that the work will be thoroughly done. He has constructed many substantial buildings in Memphis and each one is a monument to his ability. The massive brick building located in Park place on Beale avenue, the property of Mr. R. R. Church, was erected by Mr. Yates. This building is an excellent type of his work.

#### **JAMES H. CARTER.**

The subject of this sketch is a member of a large family of hustling and enterprising men. He has been identified in various capacities with the city of Memphis for many years, and has always been classed as one of its best citizens. For years he has been one of the leading hucksters of Memphis, and by his enterprise, honesty and thrift he accumulated considerable property. He is a gentleman of whom the community may well be proud, and a man whose integrity cannot be questioned. His word is a guarantee of the faithful performance of every trust. To his friends he is ever devoted and true, and he is in every respect a worthy and honorable citizen.

#### **REV. T. HUTCHINS.**

The worthy head of this sketch is a young man of versatile parts, being the senior member of the well-known tailoring firm of Coleman & Hutchins, and also a promising young minister. He is noted for the uprightness and piety



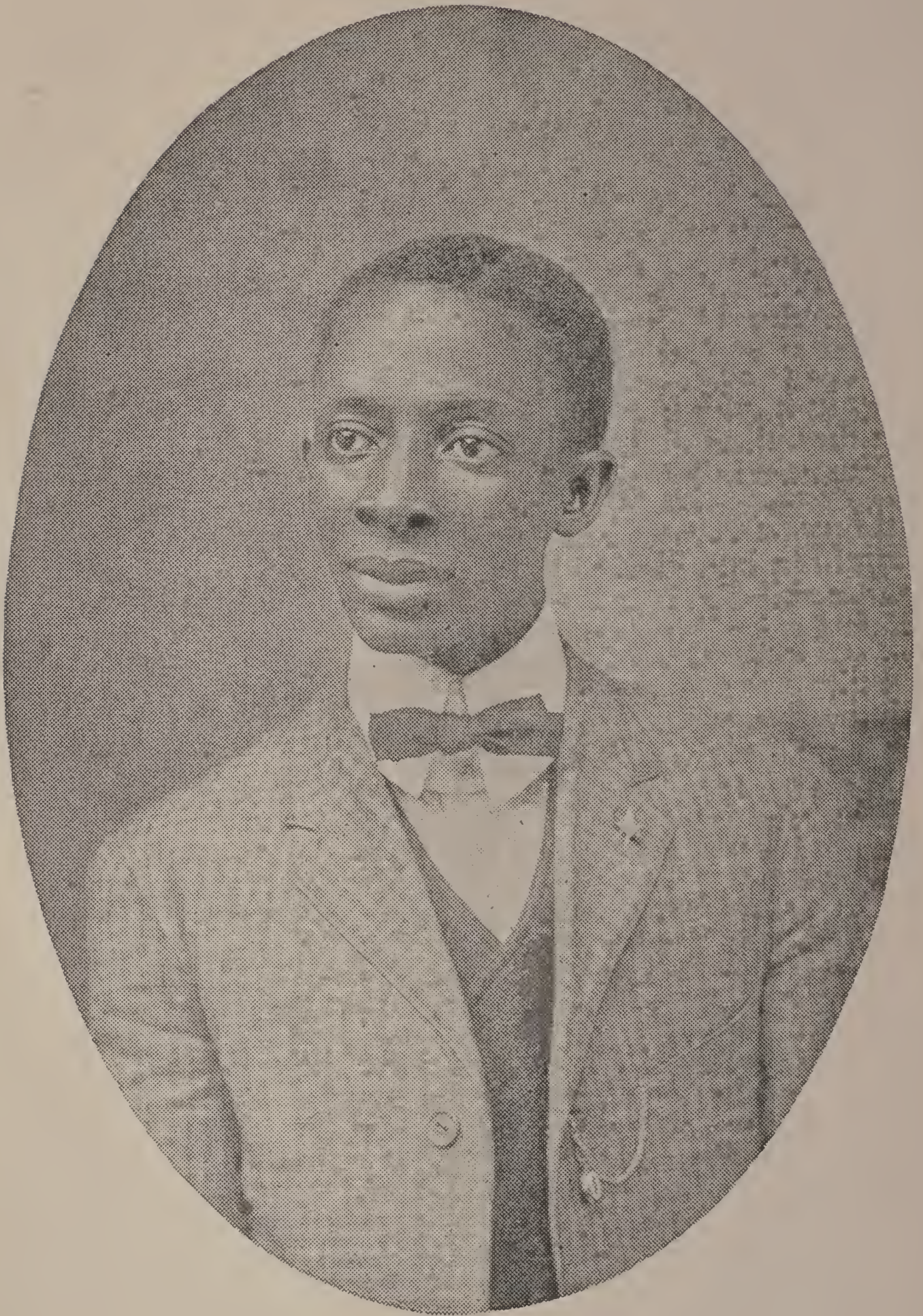
**REV. T. HUTCHINS**

of his life and his efforts along the line of christianity, both in church and in Sunday school work have been an inspiration and blessing to the community. No other young man has done more for the cause of Christian effort in this community than he. Early in life he consecrated himself to christian usefulness and has been steadfast and earnest in his christian life.

#### **SAMUEL J. WOODS, JR.**

One of the most efficient carriers connected with the post office department of Memphis is Mr. Samuel J. Woods, Jr., who was born and reared in Yazoo City, Miss., and educated in her public schools. Before completing his education he connected himself with the Yazoo Weekly Message in the capacity of reporter, and made an enviable reputation as a newspaper man. For two years he worked as reporter for this excellent journal until Rev. James E. Mitchell, of Bentonia, Miss., took charge of it and finally closed the office. For





SAMUEL J. WOODS, JR.



twelve months subsequently he was associated with the Yazoo Lexington Post, a weekly publication edited and owned by Mr. P. J. Scott. He then terminated his career in journalism and took up the carpenter's trade under his father, and worked for four years, and then he served another four years under a master mechanic in the person of N. E. Gibbs, Sr., and became one of the most skilled artisans in the state of Mississippi. While working at his trade as foreman for contractor N. E. Gibbs, Jr., he took the civil service examination in February, 1905, successfully passed the same and was appointed a carrier in the post office department of Memphis, in which capacity he is serving with credit. Mr. Woods is prominently identified in fraternity work, being a Knight of Pythias and a Mason of high degree. He is an excellent young man with a bright future and has favorably impressed the people of this community.

#### REV. JOHN H. BELL.

The author is gratified beyond the power of expression to write these few words of appreciation and regard for a life-long acquaintance and friend—the worthy and honorable subject of this sketch. Rev. Bell for thirty years has been connected with the ministry of the C. M. E. Church, and in this capacity he has done untold good and added many stars to his crown. Early in life he gave himself to the Master to be used as the Master might direct; and though now a veteran in Christian service he is none the less enthusiastic in the performance of his duties than he was when he first consecrated himself to this great calling. His residence is in Memphis, though his work is elsewhere in Tennessee. He has a substantial home in Klondike and much to show for the blessings bestowed upon him. He has always been a patron of

education and has given all of his children the best educational advantages. They are members of the Alumni Associations of Kortrecht High School, Memphis, Tenn., and Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. Rev. Bell is a man that has been faithful to the best interests of his race and has done much to elevate and uplift it.

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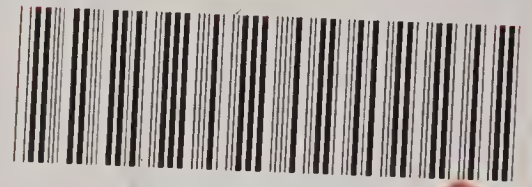








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